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# GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRL

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*Serial Nos:*

Part B. for

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SUBJECT.

Claims of the Kudi Iruppu and Mahato Addikalakki etc.

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GPB 5,000—7-17

# MUZRAI DEPARTMENT.

## OFFICE NOTE.

Subject.
In re claim of the Sri Kudli matt
re certain insignia —

LAST REFERENCE:—

Letter No. 29 dated 13th
July 1904. from the Dy Commr.
Chitaldrug Dt.

The papers bearing on the
question of the Kudli swami's
claim to the privilege of using the
special insignias such as "Adda
Palaki" are now pending before
Govt; and with reference to this
29th August 1904 has been fixed
to hear the Agent of the matt
directed by the Dewan. (vide
memo marked A in this file).

The Dy Comm.r of the Chitaldrug Dist. reported in his letter No. 498 of 29th March 1904 stating that on the application of the agent of the Matt for a Rahadari to enable the Swami to travel in the District, he (the D.C.) issued orders to the Amildars & others to render all necessary help. But, he stated further, that on his receiving information that the Swami had made use of 'Addapalaki' for the use of which no permission was granted by Govt. to the Kudli Sringeri Matt as per their order of 1884, he (the Dy comm.r) issued strict orders to the Amildars not to

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to allow the Swamis to use such insignias without the express orders of Govt., and solicited orders of Govt in the matter.

The agent of the matt presented a petn complaining against the aforesaid order of the Dy Commr & thereupon, the Dy Commr was informed in this office letter No. 3576 of 20th May 1904 to allow the Swamis to go in procession 'with such of the customary insignias as are unobjectionable in strict accordance with Manual - 'Addapalaki'.

The Dy Commr reports with,

reference to the above at length and states that 7 disinterested Vaishnava Brahmins have deposed that the Swami was using 'Addapalaki' & other insignia. Authenticated copies of certain documents have been forwarded. The Dy Comm^r reports that he has issued orders to allow the Swami to go in procession as usual with the insignias except 'Addapalaki'

Question for the use of which is pending before Govt as stated in the first para of this Note

~~Submitted~~
Ds
28/7/04

The permission granted
by

by the Sheame after due investigation that he may use all the "Manual" insignia except Adda patki may, if so desired, be approved.

The question of Adda Patki is fixed for hearing on 29th Augt/04

No 40 Subd to the Diwan RO 30.7.04 through the 2nd Cr 29/7/04

Can a undertaking be given Sheame always suggested may be ignored.

S Marshall 5/8.

Read 7. pm. 6/8/04 W 8/8/04

W 7/8/04 Closed

9th Wednesday 1904 - Shame will not read between complications.

Nothing can be recorded, until he does not under man order otherwise no necessity whatever

8.VIII.04

I have spoken to the Diwan on

(some days back)
on this subject, and have represented
that the foregoing orders may be kept back
until the question of the "Idle Cubicle"
is decided.

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Note continued :-

The Dewan's orders endorsed on page 5 of this note were not issued on the representation made by the Secretary that the aforesaid orders may be kept back until the question of the 'Adda Palakki' is decided.

This being so, the Asst Commr. in charge of the Chitaldrug Dt., forwarded with his Docket No 561 of 8th April 1905 Copy of Amildar's report and of the orders issued by him thereon regarding the other inquiries to which the Kudli matt is entitled. From the Copies it is observed as follows.

Upon the complaint of Settara Mahalingappa & Kadappa & other Lingayets of Chitaldrug protesting - the Kudli matt using Pancha Kalasa Nisani on the elephant, orders

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were issued on the 31st March 1905 by the Asst Commr in charge of the Amildar to see that only the manual insignias were used by the Matth. Thereupon, the Amildar submitted a report stating that he had the complainants before him who protested that the matt was not entitled to the green Nisani on elephant & other insignias except Karanâ & Kahalâ, and that he (the Amildr) has informed the Police authorities as to what the insignias the matt may use which is in accordance with the orders he had already received from the District on the 15th July 1904 wherein the details appear to have been given, Viz, makara Thorana, Sweta Chatri, Pancha Nagala Devatige Dhawala Sankha Nagari on elephant, Danka on horse back, Ashtagini, Mohanchal, Ubhaya Chamara, Surya Chandra Vadya, Karanâ, Kahale & Nisani in all together 14

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He further reported that when the Swami visited Chitaldrug in July last, he remembered that the Swami went in Panchakalasada Palakki with the 14 insignias. But as the petitioners objected even the Panchakalasa Palakki being used, he solicited definite orders in the matter.

Thereupon, Mr. C. Srikanteswara Aiyar, issued orders in his capacity as 'Asst. Magistrate' to the following effect, Viz, that there were not sufficient grounds for the Linguets objection to the matter using the above mentioned 14 insignias which they were empowered to use as per the Adalat Courts' decrees &c, that Panchakalasa & Visani were the insignias allowed by & that the protest of the

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Lingayets was not acceptable.
He therefore directed that the matt
might be allowed to pass with the
manual insignias in Palakki — not
~~Error~~ Adda Palkhi.

~~Letter previous papers on the subject~~
~~were with the Revenue, the aforesaid~~
~~reference was also subsequently received.~~
Meanwhile, the agent of the Kudli
matt has petitioned this Office in
which he says that the Swamiji
has been touring in the Chitaldrug
Dt. for the past 8 or 10 months & that he is now in Davangere.
He states further that the Lingayets there
are threatening to
~~with~~ offer resistance if the Swamiji passes
in Davangere streets & that 4 days'
time has been granted to the Lingayets by the Sheristadar &
~~obtained~~ against the aforementioned orders and
Govt. orders in the matter.
He requests that needful orders may
be issued to the D/Comm Dharwad
~~with~~ in the matter of the Swamiji

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continuing his tour. A translation of the petn is put up.

Submitted
by 26-5-05 Ps
26/5/05
Note contd.

petition was received in the municipal office

Advocate Mr D. Venkataramiah presented late on the 24th evening of the 23rd June 1905, a petn from Shadakshara[illegible] and another, residents of Davangere. The Petitioners state as follows.

(1) That the Kudli Swami is anxious to pass in the Lingayat Streets of Davangere with certain insignias which he is not entitled under any authoritative of govt.

(2 That Mr Ramanujiengar D.C. on the 12th inst issued, forwarding a circular order, restricting to the Swami of 14 insignias. took objection

to the use of the insignias & two others viz, Panchakalasa & Hasam Nisani,

(4) That Mr. Srikanteswara Iyer, ~~acting~~ Senior Asst Commr. who was in charge of the Chitaldrug Dt. reviewed his predecessor's order & directed that it was unnecessary to name the number of insignias to which the Swami was entitled and that it was also ~~was~~ unnecessary to restrict the use of such of the insignias to which the Matt was entitled by manual and by the decree obtained by them in the matter.

(5) That the aforesaid order cancels the Cir: order of Mr. Ingram.

(6) That when the Petrs applied to Mr. Menezes Actg for a copy of the license issued on applin made, that Officer ordered that his predecessor's orders were clear & that no applin from the Swami was necessary -

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(7) That leaving the question for the decision of local Officers without specifying the insignias is open to abuse, seeing that the Swami once went in Addapalaki contrary to Govt. orders of the 15th Sept. 1882, & seeing that the decree relied upon by Srimt Sricanteswara Ji is a collusive one not being valid.

We pray that as this is the first time the Swami is passing in the Lingayet Streets with objectionable insignias and as Police & Military aid have been called for, the entire records may be perused & final orders passed defining the insignias before allowing the Swami to that as the feeling of the mob excited by the call of the

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Muzrai Secretary's Remarks.

The question relating to the use of Adda Palki by the Kudli Sringeri Matt has been reserved by the Dewan for personally hearing the Agent of the Matt with his documents. The question of the other insignias to be used by that Matt, regarding which the Deputy Commissioner Mr. Ramanujiengar made a full enquiry and submitted a report in his letter No. 29, dated 13th July 1904, has also been kept back for consideration along with the question of the Adda Palki. The Deputy Commissioner having already issued an order in accordance with the result of his enquiry and simply reported the matter to Government, the Dewan was pleased to remark (vide page 5 of this Note) that the Deputy Commissioner "does not ask for an order and there is no necessity to issue it". The matter has thus been pending with Government under the above circumstances.

2. It has now been brought to notice by the Agent of the Matt in his petition dated 22nd May 1905

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that the Lingayets of Davangere, where the Kudli Sringeri Swami at present stays, object to the latter passing through the streets with his insignia. The Lingayets on the other hand have submitted a petition, received yesterday evening, objecting to the use, by the Kudli Sringeri Swami of some of the insignia, namely Panchadhwaja and Hasaru Nishani, and to his going through the Lingayet streets with objectionable insignia, and requesting Government to decide clearly what insignia the Swami is entitled to. Complaint is also made that the aid of the Police and the Military have been called for by the Deputy Commissioner to carry out the procession on the 3rd Instant, i.e., tomorrow.

Referring to the question of these insignia, it was stated in this Office letter No.. dated 20th May 1904, to the Deputy Commissioner Chitaldrug, issued by Mr. Shama Rao as Officiating Secretary, that the Deputy Commissioner should issue instructions to the Amildars

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"allow the Swamidasvaru's going in procession with
"such of the customary insignias as are unobjection-
"able and are in strict accordance with Mamool other
"than Adde Palakki".

4. The Deputy Commissioner (Mr. Ramanujiengar) accordingly issued a Circular dated 12th July 1904, prescribing the adoption of 14 insignias named in the margin omitting Adda Palki. In this list it will be seen that no mention is made of Panchakalasa or Hasuru Nishani, although the general term Nishani is used.

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1 makara Thoranu
2 Sweta Chatri
3. Pancha Vayal Devitige
4. Dhawala Sankha
5. Nagani on elephant
6. Danka on horse
7 Aphtagiri
8. Motharchal
9. Double chamara
10. Surya Chandra Vadyg
11. Damamuga
12. Karana
13 Kahale
14. Nishani.

5. Subsequently, upon a representation from the Amildar of the effect that the Linguets of Chitaldrug objected to the use of Panchakalasa and the use of Hasuru Nishani on an elephant, Mr. Srikanteswara Iyer, when in charge of the Chitaldrug District, issued an order dated 7th April 1905. pointing out that Panchakalasa and Nishani are included in the list approved by the Adalat Court on 4th July 1848, and therefore that the use of a Palakki with Panchakalasa

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(provided it was not carried as an Adda Palakki), and the use of Hasuru Nishani on an elephant were unobjectionable. He also decided that when an item of insignia was mentioned, the number constituting each should be according to mamool, i.e., when Chamara is specified, the number should be 2 and so on. It is to this order that the Lingayets have chiefly objected in their petition of yesterday.

6. The Adalat Court's decision referred to above was confirmed by the Commissioner on 1st June 1849 in his decision on appeal, the suit having been between the Sringeri Matt and the Kudli Sringeri Matt.

7. The above correspondence related to the i's visit to Chitaldrug town. The present re- entations relate to his visit to Davangere.

8. The date fixed by the Deputy Commissioner for carrying out the procession being tomorrow d Instant, there is no time to go deeply e question. It is my humble opinion that a e egram may be sent to the Depot,

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Commissioner as follows:-

"Pending final orders of Govt,

"conduct Kudli Swami's procession Davangere

"strictly according to Mr. Ramanujiengar's circular

"of 12th July 1904 omitting Panchakalasa and green

"Nishani on elephants.".

9. The Lingayets' objection that the Swami should not pass through the Lingayet streets is untenable as public streets are open to all.

Submitted to the Dewan thro' the II Councillor.

T. Ananda Sami Rao Rd
2/6/05
2. D'Sec. P. M.
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Suggestion of Panchakalasa and green Nishani on elephants may be reserved for consideration along with Addapallaki. The rest of Lingayets' start for procession & the Swamy might depend on manual which will have to be

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decided by the Local
officers. Orders
have by mine enquiries
20 S. P. Police men being
sent to Channagere by
today's Mail Train. I
& my Police have issued
orders accordingly.

S Murphy
2/6/03

Sub Inspector at this
stage is trying unwise and
causes confusion in the proper
exercise of sound discretion
by the local authorities. It is
of course the primary duty
of the Police to prevent
breach of peace and from what
has passed before me in
matter I am of opinion that
a charge is proceedings

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both cautiously & firmly - I would not put them out at this stage by unnecessary orders.

With the further of the Petn has been described as above I may say that it is open to the parties to fight out their case properly in a duly constituted courts of justice - The awdalat court decree referred to was passed between the Sringeri Swamigalu and the for Priest of the Kudliji Matt I cannot see how it will bind the Tungabhadra community - Leaving these questions free to be decided by Courts their Advocate who has presented the Petn for Shadakshara Appa will do well to advise his client not to break the law & take

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it with his own hands and thus render himself liable to be dealt with by the Magistracy.

As this matter has been thus forced upon me for this early decision I must say that whatever might have been the decision of the highest judicial authority on the dispute between the two Swamies already named I think it cannot for a moment be contended that the ruling power in the land who is undoubtedly the fountain and source of all such honours can not with equal potency and effect exercise its prerogative to discontinue or withdraw any honour or privilege enjoyed by any ~~individual~~ community or individual. I can only look upon the action of the Mysore Govt in 1884 as an exercise of this privilege. The ~~decision of the~~ Chief Justice of Madras in his ~~decision~~ judgment has been fully explained in the Resident's letter

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No 2136 of 13th June 1895.

In this connection it is not only the addapalki that is reserved to but the other honours of carrying Mahara Jowara, Panchakalasa Savala Chattu, Dhavala Sankha Hapala Dwaitige have also been prohibited till it is the pleasure of H.H's Govt to change ~~the intention~~ this view of the honours claimed by the Kudalswami thorder of 1884 must be given effect to by the Revl Officers of this State. It does not seem to me to be expedient to multiply such honours in the case of all branches and subordinate Mutts of the character of Kudli Mutt and the order of 1884 restricting them to the Head Mutt of Sringere is quite sound.

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The Mysore Secretary points out that in this matter an opinion has been called for from H.H and

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that the agent of the Kudli Mutt has been asked by the head - No order and therefore fresh one - that the Agent's attendance on the second - A number of Sanyasis when the Temple with the Pandit in Palanquin was given with Agent on his right hand being considered a reply may be communicated. To the King's petition a reply may be given declining interference with the order of

Submitted to Resident for orders

Resident's remarks are always sent to the Palace

Friday. 7/6/05

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Note Continued :—

As per orders of the Dewan dated 5th June 1905 noted on page 19, a notice was issued to the Agent of the Kudli matt to appear in person in the Mysore Camp on the 16th idem. Accordingly, the said Agent Subba Bhatta and Bhadri Lakshminarayanappa appeared on the 16th and the Dewan was pleased to give them a hearing and to go through the records filed by them in favour of the matt. They were directed to produce certain Receipts said to have been given by Dewan Purnaya and also to submit a statement to Govt., showing the annual receipts of the matt from all sources including the villages situated outside the Mysore State. The Dewan was pleased to direct that the person in Charge of the Palace by the Mysore, must be requisitioned to report as to the repairs if any,

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available in the Palace records, to show that one of the Swamies of this math visited Mysore about the year 1850-51 at the request of H. H. the late Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadeyar Bahadur III (as stated by the Agent) and if so what honors were shown to him from the Palace, what insignia were used by him at the time of his visit, and whether any salutes were fired from the Palace in his honor. Information was also ordered to be obtained from the Palace on the following points :—

(i) When the salutes began to be given to the Simgeri Swamingalavaru of Simgeri whenever he visited Mysore

(ii) When the said honor was first begun and who the Swamiji was that first received it.

In pursuance of the above orders

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Comp no A dated 19th

The Officer in charge of the Police Establishments has ~~been~~ been addressed from this Office —

Submitted
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18/6/05

and as directed by the Darwar on the 5th June 1905 the Lingayat appellants viz Shivalingappa and others represented by Advocate Mr. D. Venkatasubbayya, were informed in this Office no 4582 dated 8th June 1905 that the Govt declined to interfere with the order of the District Magistrate issued on the subject of procession at Davangere.

The Dy Comr of the Shimoga District was also requested ~~to depute~~ in this Office no 4583 dated 8th June 1905 to report whether copies of the Correspondence between the Darwar and the Hon'ble the Resident took place in 1895

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relating to "Adappulakki", were given to the Agent of the matter on in what-times the final decision was communicated to him — His reply is awaited

Submd
18/6/05

An ad-interim Reply to the Private Secretary's Endorsement No. 3823 dated 6th June 1904, is hereunto Submitted, showing how the case stands.

A Thanta Sami Rao
19/6/05

Subd to the Dewan through the 2nd Councillor

Read
20.6.05

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22.6.05 Endorsement Inspector-in-charge
Issued.

DJ 21/6/05

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Note continued:-

In accordance with the personal orders given by the Dewan on the 16th June 1905 at Mysore, Subba Bhatta, the Agent of the Kudli Sringeri Matt and Mr. Lukshminaranappa of Chital-drug have come back with the papers and the infor-mation required. From the statements produced by them it is observed that the Matt enjoys income from various sources as follows:-

| | Rs. As. Ps. |
|---|---|
| From Inam villages in Mysore and in British India chiefly in the Bombay Presidency. | 16518-2-10 |
| In minor Inams in Dito | 21740-7-6 |
| From cash Tasdiks from various Governments. | 1471-7-8 |
| From other sources consisting of payments by disciples &c | 11182-7-2 |
| Total | 50912-9-2 |

Out of the above, the lands endow-ments in the Mysore state ( chiefly in Shimoga District ) yield an income of Rs. 4773-14-10 per

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annum and a cash Tasdik of Rs 882 per annum is paid to this Matt from this State.

The Agent has also brought a large number of documents issued by Dewan Purnaiya, His Highness the Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadyer Bahadur III, the Peshwas and other Chiefs, a list of which is here-with put up. The original documents are with the Agent who will produce them whenever required.

In these documents which I have gone through roughly, the Matt is referred to in terms of respect as an ancient one. In Dewan Purnaya's com-munications the Matt is referred to as " Sringeri Kudli Matt " and in H. H. the Maharaja's communica-tions it is referred to as " Kudli-Sringeri Matt."

The information called for by the Dewan as to the honors shewn to the Swamigalu during his visit to Mysore in 1850 or 1851 has not yet been re-ceived from the Palace Officer, to whom a reminder has been sent today.

Orders are solicited as the time when the Dewan will be pleased to hear the Agent and inspect

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the documents brought by him.

Submitted to the Dewan

T Ananta Lama Rao

7856 Bangalore 26 7 1905.

7856/27.7.05

Un 4 th Proc. Read 29.VII

Read 1/8/05

I think Monday the 7th Augt (1 PM) may be fixed. Please inform the Agent who puts up in Polepalle Subbe Shetty's Chatram, Bangalore City. LL 1/8/05

The Dewan heard the Agent of the Mutt, on the 8th August 1905.

HR 4/8/05

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In re certain honors claimed by the Swamy of the Kudle-Sringare Mutt

Letter no 108, dated 27th febry 1906 from the officer in charge of the Palace Colln Mysore

The Palace officer who was requested to furnish orgl. documents re the Honors shown to the Swamy of the Kudli-Sringare Mutt when he visited Mysore about the year 1850-1, has sent in orgl. certain documents relating to the Subject.

Document marked (2) makes mention of the use of Adda Palakki with golden Kancho kalasa by the Swamy during his visit to mysore in Sādharna Samvatsara.

I waited for this on the 26th instt.

Submitted.

28/2/06

Subd to the Dewan

in connn of the Kudle Matt case now pending disposal

It appears clearly from Paper No 2 that Adda Palki and other special honours were used by the Kudle Swami at Mysore in 1850-51.

2.00

Dharmata Sane Rao

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Seeld to the Dewan.

The claim of the Kudli Sringeri Mutt to use Adda palki was rejected so far back as 1884 on the ground that there was no record to shew that the privilege was ever enjoyed by the Mutt or was granted to it by the Mysore Govt. In 1895, a report was called for by the Resident and the same was sent. In reply, the Dewan was informed by the Resident that "the right to grant honors is a distinct prerogative of the ruling authority and therefore the Resident sees no reason to question a decision passed by a former Maharaja of Mysore or to pass any judgment upon its propriety." The late Dewan however re-opened the matter and gave a hearing to the agent of the Mutt on the 10th Sept 1897, but adjourned the decision pending certain papers being produced by the Mutt advocate. These papers were only produced on the 16th April last, that is after the lapse of nearly 7 years. Which seems—

about the delay, the Govt agent verbally informed me that Sir K. Sheshadri's illness and his own inconvenience prevented him from proceeding the papers till now.

These papers however do not throw any new light on the claim put forward. "Manne Maniyada According to Somasthan Maniyada are the words that occur in them. In a petition presented by the agent on the 16th May last, he goes over the old grounds in support of his claim, but these grounds were all considered and rejected by the late Dewan as may be seen from the letter addressed the Resident in 1895. The adalat court judgment passed in favor of the Nattu in 1847 and the Sahadai issued by the Amildar of Sarangeri in which the words "Koda palki" are used were before Govt when the claim was refused in 1884. I think that under the circumstances the claim is untenable and no new evidence has been adduced for reconsideration.

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15.6.04.

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Mr Bray
15. 6. '04

Dewan Bahadur

Sub. to the Dewan.

For orders as to the date on which the party may be asked to appear before the Dewan. I think a date may be fixed at the end of August after Sravani by which time I shall have returned from the two or three trips which I hope to make in August

352/20.7.04

Mudaliar 19/7/04

all put
underlined
date for
appearance
made
21.VII.04

Rec'd 23/7/04

23/7/04

Fix Monday the 29th Augt/04 and give notice to the party at once

26/7/04

Notice issued fixing the hearing for the 29th Aug'04

Submitted to the Dewan.

The papers relating to this case is herewith submitted

Notice has been served on the Agent of the Kudli Sringeri Matt at Shimoga, and he will no doubt appear tomorrow, the 29th, the date fixed for hearing him

I shall be present at the Dewan's Residence at about ½ P M tomorrow

T Rama Sastry Rao
28/8/04

A petition addressed to His Highness the Maharaja by the Agent of the Kudli Sringeri matt, has been received in this Office with Private Secretary's No. 3823, dated 6th June 1904 for "report and opinion". The Dewan has remarked on this as follows:-

"This will be dealt with on the 29th"

28/8/04

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The File was submitted to the Dewan on the 28th Sept 1904 for hearing the Agent of the Kudli Smugger Matt who had come to Bangalore. As the Dewan, however, found no time to hear the ~~Petn~~ Agent on the 29th idem and on the next few days owing to his departure for Mysore, the Agent has gone back to Kudli near Shimoga. The Dewan's wishes will again be ascertained, and another date fixed for hearing the Agent.

Meanwhile as the File has not been seen by the 2d Councillor, the papers are submitted to him for perusal and kind return.

Munuswamy
10/10/04.

Submitted to the 2d Councillor

The Dewan
23/10/04

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R. II. 10. 04.

Seen, returning herewith
23/10/04

# *Submitted to His Highness.*

Originally there was only one Swami or High Priest in the Sri Sringeri Mutt founded by Sri Sankaracharya. One of the presiding Priests, having at one time, gone away on a long tour to the Northern parts of India, the disciples of the Mutt elected and nominated a new Swami during the absence of the original Swami. On the return of the absentee Swami, the innovation formed the subject of complaint when it appears to have been decided by the Ruling Prince that both the Swamis should be recognized. The Swami who had returned from tour then established himself at Kudli in the Shimoga District and the newly elected Guru continued at Sringeri.

The Swamis of the Kudli Sringeri Mutt appear to have enjoyed Adda Palki and the other special honors, but in 1847 the Sringeri Mutt contended that that Mutt alone was entitled to the special insignia, and this contention formed the subject of litigation in the Courts. In the Munsiff's Court of the then Nagar Division it was decided against the Kudli Mutt

who appealed to the Huzur Adalat Court where the decree of the Munsiff was reversed, whereupon the Sringeri Mutt appealed to the then Commissioner of Mysore who confirmed the decision of the Adalat Court on 1st June 1849.

The Kudli Sringeri Mutt Swami appears to have toured in Mysore about the year 1850 and thereafter for many years in Northern India. In 1884, when the Swami of the Kudli Mutt intended to go out again on a tour in Northern India, the Mutt applied to the then Deputy Commissioner of the Shimoga District requesting the grant of a Rahadari for the purpose. The matter was referred to Government, whereupon the late Dewan Sir Seshadri Iyer rejected the claim of the Mutt on the ground that there was no record to shew that the privilege was ever enjoyed by the Mutt or was granted to it by the Mysore Government. The Mutt was, however, directed to produce documents in its favor, but it did not do so for some years. In 1895, upon the petition of the Mutt to the Hon'ble the Resident urging its claim, a report was called for and a long report dated 2nd June 1895 by Dewan Sir Seshadri Iyer was sent. In reply, the

Dewan was informed by the Resident that "the right to grant honors is a distinct prerogative of the Ruling authority and the Resident sees no reason to question a decision passed by a former Maharaja of Mysore or to pass any judgment upon its propriety". The late Dewan, however, reopened the matter and gav a hearing to the Agent on the 10th September 1897, but adjourned the decision pending the production of certain documents by the Mutt. Some papers were produced by the Mutt 7 years after, and in explanati of the delay, it is represented that it was due to the illness of the late Sir Seshadri Iyer and the in conveniences of the Mutt. In the Maharaja's Sannad dated 8th February 1811 and in the Rahadari issued on the same day, the use of Adda Palki and the other special honors by the Kudli Sringeri Mutt is referre to. These documents were not before Sir Seshadri Iyer.

The Mutt is in the enjoyment of an annual cash Tasdik of ₹882 from this State. Besides, it i said to enjoy an income of about ₹50,912-9-2 from the Inam lands endowed to it in Mysore and in Britis India and to have also a large number of disciples i

many parts.

Lastly, upon an enquiry made of the Palace Officer regarding the visit of the Kudli Sringeri Swami to Mysore about the year 1850-51, that Officer has submitted 2 original documents obtained from the Palace Vamsavali Sheristedar on the 27th February 1906, in which express mention is made of the Swami having gone in procession in Mysore City with the Adda palki and other special honors in question.

Under these circumstances, it seems clear that the Kudli Sringeri Mutt is entitled to the use of Adda Palki and the other special honors claimed.

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OFFICE NOTE.

File No.

SUBJECT.

Claim of the Muruga Matt at Chitaldrug for Adda Palaki &c honors.

From

The Agent of the Matt and Lega to Govt., Genl. & Rev. Dept.

No. 99 Dated 27th Sept. 1905.

The Govt. in Ro. No. 1147-8 Muz: 757-02 of 17th Nov. 1903, recognized the succession of Jayadeva Sastri of Benares, as Swami of the Muruga Matt at Chitaldrug. The Ready money allowance of Rs 24-3-0 per mensem endowed to the Matt, which had been withheld on account of the conduct of the late Guru of the Matt in connection with his having passed in procession with 'Adda Palaki' &c insignia, was ordered to be revived from the date of attachment, upon

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the present Swami offering an unqualified apology; in which he stated that he would not himself use such insignia without obtaining the orders of Govt. in the matter

Lingappa, the agent of the matt in his printed memorial No 493 of 27th July 1905 (which is in English) addressed to the Dewan states that the matt is a large and important Institution of the Lingayat community with branch matts in Mysore and His territories, with large numbers of disciples in all parts and claims Arakhyalakki and other. He has submitted a collection of original Sanads and other documents bound in the form of a book and two printed books containing the English translations of such Sanads and other documents.

The first Sanad is dated 16th July 1816 in which H.H. the late Maharaja Sri Krishnaraj Wodiyar Bahadur III acknowledges dutifully the receipt of an Asirwada Patrika, recd from the Swami and in return sends valuable presents and invites the Swami to Mysore. From the wording of this letter, it will

big L in the Book (placed before Eng Translation)

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be observed that the Swami was held in high esteem by His late Highness

M. in the book. Eng 2n. page 2

The 2nd is a Nirup ✱ dt 29th Sept 1816 issued to the Amils & Killedars of the State by His late Highness and is a Rakendare ordaining that the Swami should be permitted to proceed with insignia as mamool below, unmolested.

Cross palanquin (ಅಡ್ಡದಾರಿ)
Makara Torana, Vyasatoli in Nandi Dhwaja, Panchadeevatiges, Morchals, Veta Pavada, Danka on horse back, Kavi Nisani, Mayuravatthabu, Chenda Vadya, Dodduka Vadya, Sandugodali Chandragavi oodas, Chamaras, Appatagar Hegala Deevatige &c &c &c.

The 3rd is an order ✱ dt 13th January 1816 directing the Amils & Dalee that no obstruction is caused to the Swami in his tours according to mamool. In this

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His late Highness has been pleased to express that the Muruga matt Swamis is entitled to manual exercise & enjoy all the privileges exercised & enjoyed by the Sringeri Swamis, during their visits to & return from the disciples. This Sanad is quoted in a subsequent order issued by the Secretariat in 1867.

The 6th is a Sanad of 21st July 1816 sanctioning the grant of 120 Kanteroyi Varahas per mensem from the year Dhatu (1816-17) to the matt. This Sanad contains 4 or 5 lines in the autograph of His late Highness directing the disbursement of Rs 40 Varahas per annum. O. in the book Eng. Tr. page 6

The 7th & 8th are Vijnapanapatras to the Swamis (Rajaguru Sangatin mummadi Bodeu Chikkavirarajendra Bahadur of Coorg) from the Punganoor Samasthanam and from maharaja Vasishtajunda of Coorg. Eng. Tr. pages 7 & 8

The 9th & 10th are orders under Sec: 44, of the District Police Act from the District magistrates of Dharwar and Sholapur of 21st March 1905 & 7th 1905 P & Q in the book Eng. Tr. pages 9 & 10

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respectively, permitting the ~~Spiritual head of the Linigayt Community Jagadguru Murugarajendra Swami Jagadeva Sastri of Chitaldrug Matt~~ Swamiji of the Lingayat Community to pass in Cross Palaki procession

~~Seen in pages 11 & 21~~

The others are Rahadaris issued in pursuance of the Rahadari issued by H. H. the Maharaja to the several Amildars in all of which Adda Palaki & other insignia are expressly mentioned —

The agent of the matt in his memorial submits that the special privileges aforesaid were being uninterruptedly enjoyed until 1863 when some Brahmins hostile to the matt complained that the matt was not entitled to them when unfortunately for the matt the Dy Superintendent of Chitaldrug interdicted the matt from using the Adda Palaki & honors until it established its rights in proper Courts.

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Upon a representation made by the Chief Commr. in 1867, a Rahedari was issued by the Chief Commr. on the 20th Sept. 1869 under the signature of Mr. Clarke, then Secretary, directing the Amils &c to permit the Swami to pass freely without obstruction, with 1 Cross Palanquin & other insignia referred to in the foregoing paragraphs of this note.

R. in the register rec'd from the Govt.

The memorialist submits that while the matt had been thus enjoying the honors without hindrance, certain Brahmins of Davangere who are hostile to the Lingayet Community protested against the use of Adda Palaki &c by the predecessor of the present Swami and that the Govt. directed the matt not to use the Adda Palaki &c honors

He represents that this order has

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lowered the prestige of the matt in the estimation of the public and submits that as the privileges were enjoyed uninterruptedly for nearly 85 years and as His Highness the late Maharaja Sri Krishna Raja wadiyar Bahadur III has expressly stated that the matt is entitled to the privileges & enjoyed by the Singeri matt & as Adda Palaki &c honors have been recognized by the Mysore Maharajas and also by the authorities in His territories, the Govt. of H.H. the Maharaja may be graciously pleased to peruse the Sanads &c & restore to the matt the use of Adda Palaki and 27 other honors as per list appended to the memorial

The genuineness of the Sanads is borne out by the extracts from

* the Regr. read from G.R.s.

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original Registers of the years three and Bhatti
the Shaka Anual received from
the Vernacular records of the General
& Revenue Secretariat. In the Mulki
Registers obtained from that Secretariat,
the Rahadari of 1869 permitting the
Matt House Adda Palaki & honors,
is contained.

R in the Regr. recd from G.P.S.

Submitted 24/11/05 The Swami of the Matt is exempted from personal appearance in Civil Courts.

Subd. 24/11/05 In the matter of Addapulukki and other special honors the records obtained from the General and Revenue Secretariat show as follows:—

(i) In 1864 the late Commissioner of Mysore confirmed an order of the late Superintendent of

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Nagar prohibiting the Guru of the Balekalli matt from using the "Ashtapalakki" and a Circular order no 841/11 dated 13th May 1868 was issued by the Secretary to the Commissioner to the Superintendent of the Nandidurg Division, requesting him to instruct the Dy Supts of this Division to prohibit in all the Taluks the use of the said insignia, by the said matt

(ii) When the manager of the Sringeri matt submitted a petition to His Highness the late maharaja Krishnaraja Wodeyar Bahadur III Complaining against the Balekalli Swamis, His Highness addressed a letter (no 221 dated 21st December 1863) to Captain Pearse, In charge of the Palace duties, stating that the said

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Said Ijara had not been allowed
the marginally-noted insignia

Nadda Palakki
Gunta Chatri
Makara Toranna
Dhwaja-Lanchha
Hagala Davatige
Pancha Davatige &c

either by
himself or
by any other
authority
nor had
he (Ijara)
made use of
them when he
was sent for by His Highness to appear
some years ago. In the letter
His Highness observed that it
was "highly improper that the
Ijara should wander about
with unusual insignia in disrespect
to the Simgasi matt which was
a great antiquity and reputation
and the only one that possessed
the right and title of using

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such special insignia".

(iii) When the Balekalli Swamie was reported to have made use of the "Mahapatakki" in 1865 contrary to the Commissioner's orders passed in 1864, he was directed to be heavily fined and the Amildar of Sirkanipur, who assisted the Swamie, was ordered to be removed (vide copy of the letter no 2579/94 dated 20th September 1865) from the Taluq to the Commr to the Coffg Inspt of the Nagar Division)

(iv) In reply to a letter no 1201 2396 dated 16 24th July 1868 from the Secretary to the Government of India, the Commissioner one L. Bowring stated in his letter no 2396-101 dated 29th idem, that the Sringeri Swamie was the only person in the

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Province who was permitted to carry the Adda Palakki and had to be kept in his possession Parwanas of great antiquity from the Nizam, the Peshwas and others In what connection this letter was addressed cannot be ascertained as the papers on the subject are stated to be not forthcoming; but it appears from the last para of the Court's said letter, that the reply must have been sent when the Govt of India wanted to ~~control~~ reduce. the Sringeri Guru Narasimha Bharati's ~~rights~~ customary grant of honors, while travelling in Her Majesty's Territories. on tours

(iv) When the Agent of the Kundli matt applied to the Dy

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of the Shimoga District in 1884.
Commissioner for a Rakwadaru to
proceed to Her majesty's Territories
with Addu Padukki and other
insignia, the Government directed
in their Proceedings no $\frac{3633}{197}$ dated
15th November 1884, that the applica-
tion of the matt for the use of
Addu Padukki could not be
sanctioned, as there was no record
forthcoming to show that such
privilege was ever enjoyed by the
matt or granted to it by the
previous Government.

With reference to the above
order the Agent of the Kudli matt petitioned
the Hon'ble the Resident, who
requested the Director to furnish
him with a brief statement of the
facts of the case. In reply, the late
Director pointed out to the Hon'ble

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the Resident in his letter no
21994 dated 2nd June 1895 by
by. Gr. 45-93-94
and the "Andhra Patrika" and
the marginally-noted
Markara Saraswa
Penuka Kalwala
Smita Chatti
3 Dhanda Lukka
4 Hazgal Basavaiya
inscriptions were,
by immemorial
custom, considered
to be specially
reserved for
the use of Royalty
and their use by any one not
specially authorized by the Sovereign
was an invasion of Royal privilege;
and Venkatachandrasekharaswami although
a Decree was passed by
the Huzur Adalat Court in 1849
in favour of the Kudli matt, no
practical effect had been given
to it at any time; and that
having regard to the well-known
special

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facts regarding the relative position of the Srimgiri and the Kudli matts,

2 nd/y to the declaration of His Highness the Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar Bahadur III made in 1863 (referred to in page 9 of this note), and

3 rd/y to the views of the Chief Commissioner expressed in 1868 (referred to in page 11 of this note) the Director in 1884 refused a Rahudari to the Kudli matt for the use of the Adhe Palakki

Thereupon the Honble the Resident observed in his letter no 2136 dated 13th June 1895 that the right to grant honors was a distinct prerogative of the ruling authority and that Government he saw no reason to question a decision passed by

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a former Maharaja of Mysore or to pass any judgment upon its propriety.

Copies of the two communications accordingly were forwarded to the Dy Comrs of the Shimoga District for information and communication to the Amildar of the Kudli matte, with reference to his Agent's application as referred to in page 13 of this note.

Against the above decision the Agent again submitted a review petition in 1897 and the question is now pending before Government.

Copies of the correspondence referred to in pages 9 to 16 of this note have been printed in a book form, a copy of which is put up for reference

In 1888 the Amildar of the Sivaganga matte appears to have used the marginally noted

Id.

*1 Ambika Palakki
2 Makara
3 Pancha V
4 Swastika
5 Hangal D

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insignia - Contrary to manual. The matter was enquired into and an order was passed by Government in their Proceedings no 3083-182 dated 23rd July 1884 observing that the documents produced by the matt in support of its claim & to the insignia in question were of suspicious appearance and accordingly rejecting the claim.

This is so far as the claims of the other matts are concerned.

Coming to the Mavingi matt's claim :—

Its chief

the Swami has among others the special honour of using the Adoba Palukki Pancha Kalasam Swastik Chatri, Makara Toranam Hanging Samudaya & Kavi Nishani

The documents on which the matt

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bears its claim to the special honors in question are enumerated in the printed book produced by the Agent. Of all these documents the most important ones produced by the Agent are those submitted with his petition no 1520 dated 30th September 1905. These are .—

(i) The firman dated 19th November 1867 issued by the Chief Commissioner to the Portuguese of the marriage matter, in reply to an appeal petition against the decision of the Dy Superintendent Mr Cole in 1863. In this firman the Portuguese was informed that if the produced documents to show that the matter was in the enjoyment of Adam Palakki and other insignia, they would be given through and the matter

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matter decided

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And (ii) the Rahnamai dated 20th September 1869 issued to the Inamdar matt by the Chief Commissioner, specifying among other honours, Addu Palakki, makkara Varma, Kuvil Chattri, Pandia Dannaiya, Kani Nishani and Sankha.

In producing English translations of the above two documents, the Agent states in his petition that "these orders show that "after the passing of the order "of 1863 by the then Dy. Supt. "Captain Cole, a further re- "presentation was made about "the year 1867 and that some "favourable orders were passed "at the time, resulting in the "issue of a Rahnamai on permission

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for using Adda Palakki, in the
year 1869-70". In such circumstances
the Mysore further holds that "Captain
"Coles decision of 1863, on which the
"present decision of the Government
"is apparently based, seems to have
"been modified later by the Rachotsavi
"of 1869-70 and the Swami
"permitted to use the Adda Palakki",
"which was being used till the
"past a year and a half".

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Muzrai Secretary's Remarks.

The chief documents produced by the Murgi Matt relating to the Adda Palakki and other special honours are:-

(1). Order dated 13th January 1816, issued by H.H. the late Maharaja Sri Krihnaraja Wodier Bahadur III, observing that the Swami of the Murgi Matt was entitled

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by Mamool to exercise and enjoy all the privileges exercised and enjoyed by the Sri Sringeri Swamigalu.

Slip.N. & page 3 f the Book containing he English Translation

(2). Nirup dated 29th September 1816, issued by H.H. the late Maharaja Sri Krishnaraja Wodier Bahadur III, ordaining that the Swami should be permitted to proceed with Adda Pallakki and other honours as per list appended.

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(3). Rahadaries issued by the several Amildars in the years Dhatu and Iswara in pursuance of the Rahadaries issued by H.H. the Maharaja in all of which Adda Pallakki and other honours are expressly mentioned.

(4). Orders from the District Magistrates of Dharwar and Sholapur, dated 21st March and 7th October 1905, respectively, permitting the present Priest to pass in Adda Pallakki procession.

(5). The Nirup, dated 19th November 1867, issued by the Chief Commissioner to the Parpatiegar of the Murgi Matt, in reply to his Appeal Petition asking him to produce documents in support

of the Matt's claim to Adda Pallakki and other insignia. Slip. W.

& (6). The Rahadari dated 20th September 1869, Original Registe received from G.

issued to the Matt by the Chief Commissioner, specifying Slip

among other honours Adda Pallakki, Makaratorana, Sweta-

Chatri, Panchadeevatige, Kavi Nisani, and Shanka. It

is not ~~clear~~ whether the Rahadari was issued after

a careful consideration of the documents ordered to

be produced in 1867.

The Order passed by the Deputy Superintendent

of Chitaldrug on the 11th September 1863 in connection Slip V

with a dispute between the Murgi Matt and the Brahmins

at Chitaldrug regarding the claim of the former to

certain Birdus, prohibited the Matt from using the

twelve Birdus noted in the margin until it established

its claim to those Birudus in a competent Court of Law.

But, the two documents ( 5 & 6) noted above viz., the

Nirup and the Rahadari subsequently issued by the

Chief Commissioner in 1867 and 1869 respectively,

appeared to show that the Chief Commissioner practically

cancelled the Order passed by the Deputy Superintendent

of Chitaldrug in 1863 on the subject. The genuineness

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of all the documents now produced by the Matt is borne out by the Shaha Amil and other registers in the Vernacular Records of the General and ~~the~~ Revenue Secretariat which I obtained in original from that Office. I had to return them as they were urgently required by that Office, but I have taken from them true Copies of the extracts relating to the insignia of the Murgi Matt and -- placed them in this File for reference.

In the Maharaja's Nirup dated 13th January 1816, reference is made to the fact that the Murgi Matt is from Mamool entitled to all the honours enjoyed by the Sri Sringeri Matt.

Under the circumstances stated above, I am of the humble opinion that the Murgi Matt has made out a good case for the revival of Adda Pallakki and other Birudus specifying and the Rahadaries granted by H.H. the late Maharaja Sri ishnaraja Wodier Bahadur III in 1816, and by he Chief Commissioner in 1869. It would appear the Matt has obtained orders from the

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District Magistrates of Dharwar and Sholapur in favour of its using Adda Pallakki Etc. Slips P 2 Q

When the Manager of the Sri Sringeri Matt complained to His Highness the late Maharaja Sri Krishnaraja Wodier Bahadur III regarding the unauthorized use of Adda Pallakki etc by the Swami of the Balehalli (Lingayat) Matt, His Highness observed in 1863 that the Sri Sringeri Matt was the only one possessing the right and title of using the special insignia ~~noted in the margin.~~ in question. And when the Swamigalu of the Sri Sringeri Matt (Sri Narasimha Bharati) wanted to travel in Her Majesty's territories, a question seems to have arisen as to the curtailment of the Guard of Honour allowed to him while on tour in the British Territories and the late Chief Commissioner Mr. Bowring wrote a letter on the 29th July 1868 in reply to a letter from the Govt of India that the Sri Sringeri Swami was the only Guru in the Province who was permitted to carry the Adda Pallakki. The case of the Murgi Matt seems to have been lost sight of at the time. I wanted to see the original correspondence on the subject, but I could not get them from

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the General and ~~the~~ Revenue Secretariat who have replied that the papers ~~were~~ are not traceable.

The Murgi Matt is an Institution of importance to the Lingayet community in the State. It enjoys a cash allowance of Rs 300 per annum from the Govt and seems to have also a large income from other parts of India, the details of which, however, are not known in this Office.

Submitted to the Dewan thro' the II Councillor. } Ramakrishna Rao

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Bangalore ~~Camp Shimoga.~~

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The latest document on which the Swamy relies is the Rakhudaru' signed by the Chief Commr on 20th Sept 1869 in which the honors and insignia now claimed were specifically granted to him

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the document - and any
that it must - seems
to have passed without
examining the papers
the Mutt was called
upon to produce, the
presumption is that
after a careful consider-
ation of all the cir-
cumstances the Chief
Commr must have
arrived at the conclusion
of issuing the Rahudani
permitting the Mutt
the use of the vinayaka.
In British Territory
the Mining engage the
fullest privileges which
are now claimed. In
my opinion a good case
has been made out in
favour of the Mutt.

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*Submitted to His Highness.*

The circumstances relating to this case are fully detailed in the accompanying Office Note and the authorities relied on have been reviewed in pages 20 to 25 of that Note.

The actual grant to the Muragi Mutt of the Adda Palki and other connected honors is evidenced by Sannads issued by Maharaja Krishna Raj Wadiyar Bahadur III in 1816 and by the Rahadaris issued about that time, all of which documents are borne out by the old Shaha Amal Extracts kept under proper custody in the Government Central Records. An interruption in the enjoyment of these privileges was caused by the Chitaldrug Deputy Superintendent's Order of the 11th September 1863, prohibiting the Muragi Mutt's use of the insignia until it established its claim in a competent Court of Law. The Mutt appealed to the Chief Commissioner who asked in 1867 for the production of the documents relied on, and two years afterwards, i.e., on 20th September 1869, the Chief Commissioner

ahadari to the Mutt including therein all

the special insignia in question. On the strength of the Maharaja's Sannad of 1816 and of the Rahadari given by the Chief Commissioner in 1869, it seems clear that the Muragi Mutt has been granted the Adda Palki and other special insignias claimed by them.

Mr. Bowring's remarks in his letter of the 29th July 1868 addressed to the Government of India, to the effect that the Sri Sringeri Swami was the only Guru in the State who was permitted to use the Adda Palki, is reconcilable only if it is presumed that at that time no one else was in the actual enjoyment of that privilege, the Muragi Mutt's claim not having then been disposed of; and the Kudli Sringeri Swami who also claims the same honors, not having then put them forward, as he was absent for nearly half a century from Mysore Territory.

On the whole therefore, it is impossible to deny that these honors had been duly granted to this Mutt and were in its enjoyment.

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*Submitted to His Highness.*

Referring to His Highness' Private Secretary's D.O. No.211, dated 25th April 1906, I beg to submit the accompanying files which relate to the claim for the use of the special privilege of Adda Palaki put forward by the Kudli Sringeri Matt -a Matt of the Smartha Brahmins with Head Quarters at Kudli in the Shimoga Taluk, and the Murugi Matt - Matt of the Lingayets with Head Quarters at Chittaldroog.

**li Sringeri Matt.** I have carefully gone through the records of the claim of the Kudli Matt. I heard the Agent Subba Bhatta on two occasions, and gave a long hearing on the 18th August 1906. The Matt is of some importance being endowed with a cash grant of Rs 882 and land inams yielding about Rs 4,700 per annum in the Mysore State, and also inams and tasdiks in other parts of India. It claims to be equal in rank to the Sri Sringeri Matt established at Sringeri, and has in its possession Sannads and Nirups some centuries old.

2. In the Sannads and Nirups produced, the Matt is described as a very ancient and honored one and as entitled to the "highest honours", "all the Birudus" and so on, but no specific mention is made therein of the "Adda Palaki". It would seem that this Matt did exercise the privilege of the Adda Palaki in the earlier part of the nineteenth century and previously, but that such use was again and again objected to and opposed by the principal Sringeri Matt at Sringeri. There is a Sannad forthcoming dated 8th February 1811

under which His Highness the Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar Bahadur III directs the continuance of the special honor of Adda Palaki along with other honors, on behalf of this Matt. The matter came up before the Courts in 1847 on the motion of the Sri Sringeri Matt, and although the original Court, viz., the Munsiff's Court of the Nagar Division, gave a decree for the Plaintiff (the Sringeri Matt), yet the Appellate Court, viz., the Adalat Court, reversed the decision and decreed that the Defendant (Kudli Sringeri Matt) was entitled to the Adda Palaki and all the special honors claimed. This latter decision was upheld by the Commissioner of Mysore in 1849.

3. Further the use of the Adda Palaki and other honors appears to have been made by the Swami on the occasion of his visit to Mysore in 1850-51, when it appears from the records received from the Palace that His Highness the Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar Bahadur III received him with due honors.

4. The question again came up before the Dewan of Mysore Sir K. Sheshadri Iyer, K.C.S.I., in 1884, when the Deputy Commissioner of the Shimoga District, upon an application from the Kudli Sringeri Matt for the issue of a Rahadari with Adda Palaki and other honors inserted therein to enable the Swami to proceed to Kolhapur, enquired whether such a permission could be given, considering that the Sringeri Matt objected on the ground that the last named Matt alone was entitled to Adda Palaki, while the Kudli Sringeri Matt pressed their claim on the strength of the Adalat Court's decision of 1847. The Rahadaris actually issued to this Matt were then called for and in submitting them, the Deputy Commissioner Mr. Meiklejohn reported that there was nothing in them to show that the

Swami had the right to Adda Palaki and that the Swami had for the previous 20 years been absent in British India. Thereupon, orders were issued in Govt.Pro.No. 3888/197, dated 15th September 1884, stating that the application of the Kudli-Sringeri Matt Swami for the use of the Adda Palaki could not be sanctioned, that there was no record forthcoming to show that this privilege was ever enjoyed by the Matt or granted to it by the Mysore Government and that the Deputy Commissioner should inform the Matt accordingly. The remarks made in the order above mentioned to the effect that no records were forthcoming appear to have been due to the fact that the Maharaja's sannad and Rhadari of 1811 and the palace records relating to the Swami's visit to Mysore in 1850-51 were not produced before Sir Sheshadri Iyer at the time.

5. The Matt having petitioned the Hon'ble the Resident on this subject in 1895, the purbar were asked for a brief statement of the case and the Dewan Sir K.Sheshadri Iyer replied to that communicationin his letter No.21944/G.F.45-93-94, dated 2nd June 1895, going fully into the question. He stated that the Adda Palaki and the four special insignia named in the margin were by immemorial custom specially reserved for the use of Royalty and their use by any one not specially authorized by the Sovereign was an invasion of the Royal privilege, that a special grant for the use of the said privilege had up to that time been established only in favor of the Sri Sringeri Matt at Sringeri, that H.H.the Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadayar in a letter dated 21st December 1862 addressed to Captain Pearse, Officer in charge of the Palace duties, had declared that the right to use these insignia was vested only in the Guru of the Sri Sringeri Matt and that Mr.L. Bowring, C. S. I. ,

a Torana.
Pancha Kalasada
Swetachatri
Isanka
Theevatige.

E/(Kudli Matt) in para 2 of his letter No.2896/101, dated 29th July 1868 to the Secretary to the Govt. of India, Foreign Department, stated that the Sringeri Guru "is the only Guru in the Province who is permitted to use the Adda Palaki or cross palanquin". He went into the previous history of the Sringeri Matt and referred to a partition effected in the 17th century between the two Swamies of Sringeri and Kudli and arrived at the conclusion that the Sringeri Matt at Sringeri occupied the position of an overlord of all Branch Matts, such as the Kudli and Sivaganga Matts which had never been regarded as entitled to the special honors enjoyed by the Head Matt at Sringeri. As regards the decree of the Adalat Court of 1847 which was confirmed by the Commissioner's order of 1849, Sir Sheshadri Iyer stated that the decision was based mainly on oral evidence as to the Guru of the Matt having gone to Shimoga, Seringapatam and Mysore with Adda Palaki. He further stated that the Agent of the Matt who was given an opportunity to show that effect was given to the decree by the Government issuing Rahadaries in accordance with its terms, failed to produce any Rahadari empowering the Matt to use the Adda Palaki, although a period of 35 years had elapsed since the date of the decree. Having special regard to the declaration of H.H.the Maharaja made in 1868 and to the views of the Chief Commissioner expressed in 1868 referred to above Sir Sheshadri Iyer was of opinion that as the Matt had not chosen to dispute the correctness of the Durbar's decision of 1884, refusing a Rahadari to the Kudli Matt for the use of the Adda Palaki, it was undesirable to permit it to reopen its claim.

6. In reply to the above, the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore stated in his letter

No.2136, dated 13th June 1895, that the right to grant honors was a distinct prerogative of the ruling authority and that therefore the Resident saw no reason to question a decision passed by a former Maharaja of Mysore or to pass any judgment upon its propriety, The Matt was informed accordingly.

7. Again, on the 14th January 1897, the Matt presented a Review Petition which was heard by Sir Sheshadri Iyer on the 10th September 1897, and the decision was adjourned pending the production of certain papers by the petitioner's Advocate.The documents however were not produced and the further hearing was not carried out during Sir Sheshadri Iyer's life-time.

8. On the 8th April 1904, the Matt memorialized H.H.the Maharaja praying for a reconsideration of the case and produced the sannad of H.H.the Maharaja and the Rahadari of 1811 on the 2nd September 1904.On this Sir P.N.Krishna Murti submitted a note recommending the grant of the honor and this note has been referred to me for opinion.

9. Upon a consideration of the facts and the circumstances of this case, I am of opinion that the orders passed by His Highness' Government in 1884, the reasons for which were fully explained in Sir Sheshadri Iyer's letter to the Residency are correct. The only papers since brought to the notice of Govt. are H.H. the Maharaja's Sannad and Rahadari dated 8th February 1811. These papers were not produced by the Matt either at the time of the litigation in 1847 or before Sir Sheshadri Iyer in 1884, but were put forward only in 1904. There can be no question that the Sannad and Rahadari of 1811 are in favor of the Kudli Sringeri Matt's contention as also the fact that during the Swami's

visit to Mysore in 1850-51 the Swami used the Adda Palaki. But there is the subsequent declaration made in writing in unmistakeable terms by the ~~same~~ Maharaja Krishnaraja Wodayar Bahadur III, the same maharaja as issued the sannad and Rahadari of 1811, in his letter to Captain Pearse dated 21st December 1863, to the effect that the Sringeri Matt is the only one that possesses the right ~~and title~~ to using the special insignia of Adda Palaki, Makara Torna &c. His Highness the Maharaja Krishnaraja Wodayar III who appears to have been very liberal with the grant of these honors in the earlier part of his reign had evidently in later years thought that they should be restricted to the one important and leading Matt of Sringeri. The remark made by Mr. Bowring in his letter dated 29th July 1868 addressed to the Government of India, Foreign Department, to the effect that the Sri Sringeri Swami "is the only Guru in the Province who is permitted to use the Adda Palaki, or cross palanquin ", is in consonance with the Maharaja's declaration made in 1863 and shows that the highest authorities in Mysore considered that the Guru of the Sringeri Matt was the only ~~entitled~~ hereditary entitled to hold that honor.

10. More than all, it has to be considered whether it is desirable or expedient to permit the enjoyment of such a special honor as the Adda Palaki by more than one person. The honor is one pertaining to Royalty and the grant of such a high distinction to any but a Matt holding the highest rank among the different Matts does not seem to be desirable. I would therefore respectfully submit that it is inexpedient to permit the resuscitation of the honors and privileges which have ceased to be enjoyed by the Kudli

Sringeri Matt for many years past i.e. from 1850-1851. The grant of such high honors being a distinct preroga-tive of the ruling authority, it may, I think, be now ruled notwithstanding any documents or Sannads that may be produced by the parties, that it is the policy and wish of His Highness the Maharaja that the right to the honor of Adda Palaki shall be continued, only to the Guru of the Sringeri Matt at Sringeri and will not be given or continued to any others.

11. It does not seem to be quite necessary to place such a restriction in regard to the four other special honors referred to in this case, namely, the Makara Torana, Pancha Kalasada Swatachatri, Dhavala Sanka and Hagalu Theevatige. These, although mention-ed as special honors pertaining to Royalty, appear to be enjoyed by many Matts in the State. In the order of 1884, the claim to Adda Palaki alone has been re-jected. But in the explanatory letter of 1895, ad-dressed to the Hon'ble the Resident, the above men-tioned four honors also are stated to be not due to the Kudli Sringeri Matt. But, for the reason above given, viz., that a good many other Matts enjoyed these honors, I think it may be ordered that it is the pleasure of His Highness that these insignia may be continued to the Kudli Sringeri Matt.

12. The Lingayet Matt at Chittaldrug called the Murgi Matt also claims the special privilege of Adda Palaki and of using certain other special insignia, the use of which was discontinued for some years past under the orders of the local authorities and of the Government. This is an important Matt of the Lingayet Community and receives a cash grant of Rs.24-8-0 per mensem or very nearly Rs.300 per annum. The Matt

relies upon two Sannads issued by His Highness the Maharaja Krishnaraja Wodaya· III, one dated the 13th January 1816, in which it is stated that the Murgi Matt was entitled by Mamul to exercise and enjoy all the privileges exercised and enjoyed by the Srangeri Matt and another dated 29th September 1816 directing that the Swami of the Murgi Matt should be permitted to proceed with Adda Palaki and other honors. A number of Rahadaris issued for particular journeys have also been produced in all of which Adda Palaki and other honors are expressly mentioned. Notwithstanding the above documents, the use of these insignia by the Matt has been constantly opposed by the Brahmins and this led to an order being passed by Captain Cole, Deputy Superintendent on the 11th September 1863 prohi-biting the use of Adda Palaki and eleven other special insignia until the Matt established its claim to those honors in a competent court of Law. The Matt appealed against this order to the Chief Commissioner in 1867, when they were asked to produce the papers upon which they relied. It is not known whether the Matt produced such papers, but in the year 1869, the Chief Commissioner issued a Rahadari to the Matt specifying among other honors, Adda Palaki, Makara Torana, Swetachatri, Pancha Deevategе, Kavi Nishani and Shanka In the year 1902, complaints were received that the Swami of the Murgi Matt went in Adda Palaki in the streets of Davangere, notwithstanding the Deputy Superintendent's order of 1863 and thereupon the Government directed the stoppage of the cash allowance endowed to the Matt. The Swami having afterwards tendered an apology, the Government restored the cash grant to the Matt and directed that the special honors should not be used until the claim was finally settled

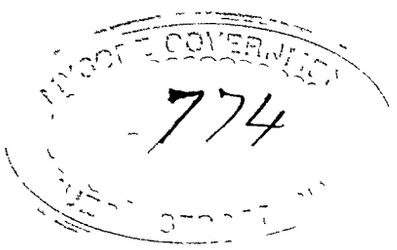
by the Government. The Matt has since appealed to Gov -ernment and produced the documents upon which it relies. These documents have been referred to above.

13. There is no question about the genuineness of the Sannads of 1816 granted by His Highness the Maharaja and of the Rahadaris produced by the petitioners. The facts mentioned in them are corroborated by entries in the books kept in the General Records of the General & Revenue Secretariat, but it is not clear whether such important documents were produced either before Captain Cole in 1868 or before the Chief Commissioner before he issued the Rahadari in 1869. Nor is it clear why the Matt should have been referred to the Courts for an establishment of their rights, while such important Sannads had been granted to them. Be this as it may, the letter written by His Highness the Maharaja to Captain Pearse under date the 21st December 1868, declaring the Sringeri Swami to be the only person who had the right to use Adda Palaki and Chief Commissioner Mr. Bowring's letter to the same effect addressed to the Government of India, dated 29th July 1868, both of which have been referred to in the preceding paragraphs, operate as a bar to the Murgi Matt exercising any right to Adda Palaki. It is worthy of note that both Maharaja Krishnaraja Wodayar the IIIrd's emphatic statement and Mr. Bowring's reiteration of it were made in connection with a claim set up by a Lingayet Matt viz., that of Balehalli for the honor of Adda Palaki. I think therefore that for the reasons given above in the Kudli Matt case, it may be directed that this special honor cannot be continued to the Murgi Matt either.

14. With the exception of the one special honor of Adda Palaki, all insignia specified in the Rahadari issued by the Chief Commissioner on the 20th September 1869, may be allowed to the Matt.

1st April 1870 / Madhava Rao

From
B.K.Venkatavaradaiyengar, Esquire,
Secy. to the Govt. of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
Genl. and Rev. Depts.




To The Secretary,
Muzrai Department.

Dated 2320 August 1904.
Despatched
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General No. 9607-96-2
No.
Enclosure No. Two

Has the honour to forward herewith, for disposal a petition from Subba Bhatta, Agent of Sri Kudli Sringeri Matt, praying that the usual Rahdari, together with the privilege of Adda Palike and other 14 insignias may be granted to the present Swami of the Matt, when he goes on tour.

By order,

For Secretary.

Diary No 838

G. Dr. No 96 of 1904-05.
Sl. No 1.

No. 3823/1

OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO
H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

*Dated* Ootacamund, 6th June ..190 4

Petition No. 1799 dated 14th April 1904, from Subba Bhatta, Agent,, Sri Kudli Sringeri Mutt, ~~Chitaldroog~~ Shimoga, is forwarded with compliments to the Dewan of Mysore, Bangalore, for favour of report & opinion.

By order,

For Private Secretary.

L. Rao
Submitted
12.VIII.04

Mr will be
dealt with on
the 29th.
13.VIII.04

Being a Durbar question
& the Durbar day
15.8.1904

# SRI KRISHNARAJENDRA WODIYAR BAHADUR,

*His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.*

We the undersigned humbly beg to approach your Highness with the following few lines, trusting that they will receive your Highness's gracious consideration and just disposal.

1. Sri Sankara Bharatee Swamy, the present Swami is the spiritual head and and the chief priest of the independent Mutt of Kudli Sringeri, Situated in the Shimoga Taluk, in Shimoga District, founded many centuries ago by the great Reformer Sri Sankara Chariar and graced by his successors in perpetuity. One in that long role of successors went out on religious tour and piligrimage commonly styled "Des Sancharam" to the Northern parts and did not return to the holy Shrine of Sringeri for a long period.

The people in and around that place, out of spite, elected and nominated a new Swami, in place of His Holiness the absent Swami.

2. That the said absentee, *i. e*, His Holiness the original Swami returned to the Mysore Province from his tour shortly after the new Swami was elected, and on hearing of this, complained this matter to the then ruling chief Kalladi Basappa Naik. The Kalladi ruler decided that the real Swami who had returned from his tour should have the spiritual jurisdiction and the right of Sancharam and that the one elected at Sringeri in his absence should remain at Sringeri performing the pooja of Sree Saradamba and that the latter should absolutely refrain from claiming any spiritual jurisdiction or right of Sancharam. Ever since then, His Holiness the original Swami and his successors in perpetuity down to the present Swami have remained at Kudli. This mutt has been called Sringeri Mutt, but for the matter of topographical description alone, it is called Kudli Sringeri Mutt.

3. His Holiness the Original Swami and his successors, that remained at Kudli accompanied by the following insignias, have from ages past, gone out on several occasions on religious tours enquiring into religious matters and settling all religious points and disputes.

## LIST OF INSIGNIAS.

1 Adda Palike (Palanquin borne Cross-wise) with five Kalasas.

2 Makara Thorana.
3 White Umbrella.
4 Day light torches.
5 Dhavala Sankha.
6 Drums on Elephants.
7 Dunka.
8 Aphthalgiri.
9 Morchull.
10 Chamara on both sides.
11 Surya Chandra Vadya.
12 Damaruga.
13 Karanay.
14 Chinna Kalay.
15 Flags and Standards.

4. That these insignias have devolved on the Spiritual heads of Kudli Sringeri Mutt is proved beyond all Shadow of doubt and borne testimony to, by the Nirupas granted by the sovereigns of the day. The Nirupas granted by His Highness the the late Sree Krishnaraja Wodiar Bahadur prove that these Swamis were invited to Mysore, that they went and returned from that place heralded by all the insignias of the Mutt. So also does the Nirupa of the then Dewan, Sreemanta Purniah, as well as that of Nawab Tippu Sultan.

5. In 1847, the elected Sringeri Swami contended that he and his successors were entitled to these insignias and to the right of Saucharam and to this effect brought in a suit in the then Munsiff Court of Nagar Division. There it was decided against the Kudli Sringeri Swami who then appealed to the Huzoor Adalat Court. There it was held reversing the Munsiff's decree that the said Kudli Sringeri Swami was alone entitled to go on spiritual tours heralded by all those above-said insignias and not the Sringeri Swami. On this, the latter preferred a special appeal to the then Chief Commissioner of His Highness the Maharajas' territories, who confirmed the decision of the Huzoor Adalat Court.

6. Even to this day, Kudli Sringeri Swami has been travelling, attended with all these insignias, in the Northern parts as well as in this province. This is amply testified to by the numerous Rahadaris given by almost all the British Officers of the Bombay Presidency and the authorities in this province, whenever His Holiness had occasion to pass through their respective jurisdiction with those insignias accompanied.

7. In 1884, His Holiness desiring to go on a tour to the North, applied to the Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga to grant him a Rahadari as usual. The then Deputy Commissioner referred this matter to the Government. Thereupon, Sir, K. Seshadri Iyer K. C. S. I. the late Dewan declined Summarily to grant it, Stating that there were no records forthcoming to show that the privilege was ever enjoyed by the Mutt. When His Honour was approached again to be pleased to review His Honour's previous order, His Honour declined to do so by an order of 1895.

8. The above said orders of the late Dewan were passed without calling forth for any documents relating to the rights of Kudli Sringeri Mutt. While matters stood thus, when His Holiness was on religious tour in the North, one of the undersigned Subba Bhatta the agent to the said Mutt produced all the documents regarding the insignias to the late Dewan and prayed by means of a petition to re-consider the matter in the light of documents produced and to grant a Rahadari. Upon this, His Honour the Dewan ordered that these documents should be Submitted to the Muzarai Secretary and that a decision would be arrived at on going through all those documents. So, all the records with a list of documents were, accordingly, laid before the Muzarai Secretary on the 10th November 1897.

9. And the question, till now remains unsettled. His Holiness, who all this while was travelling in the Northern parts has returned to these parts now. As it is desirable that, His Holiness should make a tour among his disciples here, he has undertaken to do so.

10. The above said orders of the late Dewan afford room and prove a source of protection to those persons who may be ill-disposed towards His Holiness and who

nay be inclined to obstruct the use of those insignias, which have devolved upon him from time immemorial; and in this way he is liable to be put to much inconvenience and anxiety while he may chance to pass through their places. That His Holiness should travel without these insignias is diametrically opposed to the customary well established and long enjoyed right which his predecessors and himself used to enjoy And this would, indeed, tend to lower His Holiness's dignity and prestige in the estimation of the public.

11. In spite of the unequivocal decision of the Huzoor Adalat that the Swamis of the Sringeri Mutt are not entitled to the use of those insignias and that the Swamis of the Kudli Sringeri Mutt alone have the exclusive and sole right of use, it is the Sringeri Mutt nevertheless that is enjoying the privilege. But it is a righteous policy and forms one of the fundamental functions of sovereignty, on the part of a paternal Government to restore to the said Kudli Mutt, the ancient and unobstructed right of enjoyment of those insignias and in that way to preserve the long established reputation and privilege of the Mutt.

12. The same facts with some records are submitted to Sir P. N. Krishna Murti K. C. I. E., the present Dewan. It is the earnest and ever felt prayer of the undersigned, that Your Highness will be pleased to grant a Rahadari, on a perusal of these records and of those submitted to the Muzarai Secretary in obedience to the orders passed by Sir K. Seshadri Iyer, K. C. S. I., the late Dewan in 1897, and to declare emphatically that His Holiness has full and unfettered privilege to go on tour heralded by those insignias, which belongs to the Mutt from time immemorial and in that way continue that gracious patronage of the state, under whose fostering it has subsisted from ages past.

For which act of just and generous consideration the undersigned as in duty bound,

Shall ever pray,

SUBBA BHATTA,
*Agent, Sri Kudli Sringeri Mutt.*

B. LAKSHMI NARAYANAPPA,
*Chitaldroog Committee Member.*

Dated 8-4-04
CHITALDROOG.

B. Lakshminarayanappa
Chitaldroog
Comty member
of Sree Kudly
Sringery Mutt

Presented by Agent Lingayat Mutt of the Murugarajendra Mutt with 2 printed copies & two collections of papers in English also a Collection of original documents bound in the form of a book

27/7/05

# SIR P. N. KRISHNAMURTI K. C. I. E.

DEWAN OF MYSORE,

BANGALORE.

HONORED SIR,

Office note submitted for orders 1/11/05

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Respectfully sheweth:—

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3. That the Math in question was not only held in high esteem and regarded as one of the most important and privileged Maths, in the reign of His Highness the Maharaja Sri Krishnaraja Wodayar III, but the tusdik, was raised from 30 to 120 varahas as may be seen from some of the select Sannads or orders submitted herewith.

4. That during the same reign many special concessions and honours such as escort, were also granted to the Math by His Highness.

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7. That these special honours and privileges have also been particularly ized by His Highness the Maharaja Krishna Raja Wodayar III, in an order by him to all Amildars and other officers of Government, which has been upon by the Math authorities.

8. That as an instance, it may be mentioned that when the Swami visited Mysore and other parts of the Province, in 1816, His Highness issued special directions to the various subordinate officers of the Government, throughout the Province, to receive His Holiness with due honors, and in this the use of Addapalki and other insignia mentioned above have been specifically recognized as some of the honors the Swamy is entitled to use— A few select orders bearing on the point are submitted for kind perusal.

9. That, once again on another similar occasion, when the Swami went on a similar tour, His Highness directed that no interference should be caused to the Swami in the exercise by him, of the honours &c. allowed to the Sringeri Math all of which honors &c. the order clearly says, the Murugarajendra Swamy's math is entitled to. The Sringeri Math is unto this day in the enjoyment of the privilege of using Addapalki &c. A few select orders bearing on the point, are submitted for kind perusal.

10. That such an uninterrupted use and enjoyment of the privilege was never in the annals of the Math questioned by any one, until 1863, when some Brahmans of Chitaldroog, inimical to Lingayat interests, complained that the Swamy was not entitled to Addapalki and other special honors mentioned above, and for reasons which the math is unfortunately not now aware of the then Deputy Superintendent of Chitaldrug issued an endorsement to the then agent of the Math, one Basavalingiah, interdicting him from using the Addapalki and 11 other honours until the Math established its right to them in a court of law.

11. That as already explained, it is not clear to the Math what circumstances led to such an order being passed and what enquiries brought this about at that time, but a search in the old records of the Math shows that even in spite of such an order the math has exercised these honours during the subsequent tours of the Guru, both within and outside the Province.

12. That from enquiries since instituted among some of the older disciples of the Math, it is learnt that the then Swami, on the passing of the order of 1863, sent up a protest to the Government, pointing out that it was a special privilege granted to the Math by the sovereign ; when, on some enquiry, the interdictory order appears to have been cancelled and the Swami allowed to exercise his recognized privilege as theretofore. This is probably one of the reasons for the Swamis of this Math having enjoyed these special honours even after the interdictory orders. The Math humbly begs to express the hope that a kind reference to the old records, in the huzur, of 1863 or thereabouts, will not fail to clear up all doubts in the matter.

13. That while matters stood thus and the Muth had been enjoying the privileges and honors without let or hindrance, the Swami (the predecessor of the present Swami) had to go through Davanagere in 1902, where some of the Brahmins of the place, who have from years been inimical to the Lingayat Community, protested against the use of the Addapalki and other special insignia

mentioned above, and the Government probably on the authority of the order of 1863, not only directed the math not to use the Addapalki and the other special insignia above referred to, but also stopped the disbursement of the grant to the muth, on the ground that the math had acted in violation of orders of Government.

14 That the then Swami unfortunately breathed his last and was succeeded by the present Swami. Subsequently an application for the disbursement of the monthly grant, with an expression of apology for the alleged disobedience of orders by the old Swami, has, as advised, been submitted separately, and is at present under consideration by the Government.

15. That as, however, the Swami is prevented from going on his religious tour in the province it has become necessary to seek for a reconsideration of the orders issued about the Addapalki and other honours above referred to. It may be mentioned that, at the time, no enquiry was held as to the Math's right to use the Addapalki and other special honours, nor were any of the Math papers probably looked into.

16. That in the British Provinces orders have been passed recognizing the right of the Math to use the Addapalki and the other special honours also and necessary action has also been taken in that direction.

17. That in Mysore also the right to use the Addapalki and other special honors mentioned in para 6, has been clearly recognized and established by no less an authority than the Ruling Sovereign, so early as 1816 and acted upon without any interruption for nearly 85 years; and earlier than that the same Sovereign has clearly laid down that the Math in question has the honour of being entitled to the privileges and honours to which the Sringeri Math is entitled. These facts will be fully borne out by the Sannads and orders now submitted.

18. That the Math in question is besides the Chief Religious Centre of the Lingayat Community and the present dictum has, in a way, lowered it in the estimation of the general public and other Maths, and the Swami is also prevented from touring in the Province.

19. For the foregoing reasons, the humble memorialist, the agent of His Holiness Sri Jagad Guru Murugarajendra Swami's Math, begs to place these facts before the Honorable Government and most respectfully prays that they will be so good as to peruse the documents now submitted and also the correspondence of 1863, and the later correspondence which led to the cancellation of the order of 1863, and favour them with justice by restoring to the Math the uninterrupted use of all the honours, as per list appended including those specified in para 6 of this memorial, which from time immemorial the Math has been in the enjoyment of.

For which act of justice and kindness, the humble memorialist shall ever pray.

Dated; 26 th day of July 1905.
Bangalore.

**SIR P. N. KRISHNAMURTI K. C. I. E.**

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| 1 | A pair of Panchadeevatigeys ... | ಒಂದು ಜೊತೆ ಪಂಚ ದೀವಟಿಗೆಗಳು |
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| 1 | A pair of Veti Pavadas ... ... | ಒಂದು ಜೊತೆ ವೇಟಿ ಪಾವಡೆಗಳು |
| 1 | A pair of Drums on horse back ... | ಒಂದು ಜೊತೆ ಕುದುರೆ ಮೇಲೆ ಡುಂಕೆಗಳು |
| 1 | A pair of drums on Camel ... ... | ಒಂದು ಜೊತೆ ಒಂಟಿ ಮೇಲೆ ನಗಾರಿಗಳು |
| 1 | A pair of brick colour flags... ... | ಒಂದು ಜೊತೆ ಕಾವಿ ನಿಶಾನಿಗಳು |
| 1 | A pair of Mayimaratabu ... ... | ಒಂದು ಜೊತೆ ಮಾಯಿ ಮರ ತಾಪುಗಳು |
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| 1 | A pair of Rouds ... ... | ಒಂದು ಜೊತೆ ರೌಡುಗಳು |
| | A pair of Moon's music played on being fixed to the head ... ... | ಒಂದು ಜೊತೆ ತಲೆಗೆ ಕಟ್ಟಿ ಬಾರಿಸುವ ಚಂದ್ರವಾದ್ಯಗಳು |
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| | A pair of Hoft giries of green, red and yellow colours ... ... | ಒಂದು ಜೊತೆ ಹಸರು, ಕೆಂಪು ಮತ್ತು ಹಳದಿ ಬಣ್ಣದ ಹ ಫ್ತಾಗಿರಿಗಳು |
| | A pair of Chandragavi Oodas ... | ಒ ದು ಜೊತೆ ಚಂದ್ರಗಾವಿ ಉಡಾಸಿಗಳು |
| | A pair of day-torches ... ... | ಒಂದು ಜೊತೆ ಹಗಲು ದೀವಟಿಗೆಗಳು |
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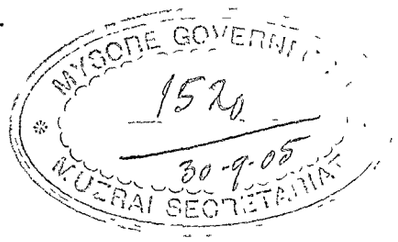


# SIR P. N. KRISHNAMURTI K. C. I. E.

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DEWAN OF MYSORE,

BANGALORE.

HONORED SIR,

The humble Memorial of Lingappa,
Agent of the Sri Murugarajendra Swami
Jagadguru Math, Chitaldrug.

Respectfully Sheweth :—

In continuation of my memorial dated 26th July 05 regarding the claims of the Jagadguru Murugarajendra Swami for the use of Adda Palki, I beg humbly to enclose for kind reference copies of two orders passed in the years 1867 and 1869. These orders shew that after the passing of the order of 1863 by the then Deputy Superintendent Captain Cole, a further representation was made about the year 1867 and that some favorable orders were passed at the time, resulting in the issue of a Rahadari or permission for using Addapalki, in the year 1869—70. In such circumstances, Captain Cole's decision of 1863, on which the present decision of the Government is apparently based, seems to have been modified later by the Rahadari of 1869 and 70 and the Swami permitted to use the Adda Palki, which was being used till the past a year and a half.

Dated 30th September 1905,
Bangalore.

ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ
ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ.

*Extract from the Order Book Diary of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore for 1867—68.*

Nirupa issued to Parpattegar Basavalingiah of Sriman Niranjana Muruga Rajendra Swamigalavar Chitaldroog.

Heard petition submitted by you to the effect that in spite of the existing usage of your Swamigal using Cross Palanquin and other insignia during his tours amongst the desciples, Mr. Cole the Deputy Superintendent has obstructed its use, and praying for the issue of a Rahadhari according to *Mamool*, if you produce the previous Sannads or other records, if any, as to your Swamigal having used these insignia, from the beginning, they will be perused and the matter decided.

Dated 19th November 1867, Camp Bangalore.

Mysore Government,
Muzrai Secretariat.

(Sd). CAMPBELL,
*Secretary.*

*Extract from the Diary of the Rahadari book of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore,*
for the year 1869—70.

Nirupa issued in writing to the Ameels, Killedars, Thanadars and others within the Mysore Territorial limits.

Whereas His Holiness Sriman Niranjana Muruga Rajendra Swamigalavar is going out on tour in the Province of Mysore for making collections from amongst his desciples the following are the honors and establishment to accompany him :—

150 Ayyagalu, 200 Sudra peons and others, 4 Elephants, 8 Camels, 80 horses, **1 CROSS PALANQUIN,** (ಅಡ್ಡ ಪಲ್ಲಕಿ) 1 ordinary Palanquin, 1 closed-palanquin, 1 Makara Thorana, 1 Nandidhwaja, 2 Sweta Chatri 2 Pancha Deevatigeys, 2 Moharchal, 2 Weytey pavada, 2 drums on horse-back, 2 Kavi (Brick coloured) Nishan. 2 Mayi Maratabus, 2 Lunar Music, (Chandravadya), 2 Uduku Vadya, 2 Chamaras, 2 Bich-Farangs, 2 Ravadu, 2 Lunar Music (Chandravadya) played on being fixed to the head, 2 Solor Music (Surya-Vadya) played on being fixed to the head, 2 green red and yellow Haftagiri, 2 Chandragavi Udasu, 2 day-torches, 2 Jagatis, 2 Sankha 2 Kavi Jhandas, 2 Patapati jhandas, 50 Silver sticks, 5 green sticks, 20 fire-arms, 40 Hathars, 30 Carts, 40 Davalies with billes.

Since the Swamigalawar is touring with the usual honors in this manner, he should be allowed to go freely without being obstructed at the Ookkada or Valley. Proper prices should also be caused to be paid for articles supplied to His Holiness and his retinue, and His Holiness should be given a safe place to lodge in and be duly guarded without any disturbance from thieves and Vagabonds and due respect must be shown in this manner at every camp. Dated 20th September 1869, Camp Bangalore.

(Compared) Ranga Rao.
Head Munshi.

MYSORE GOVERNMENT,
*Muzarai Secretariat.*

(Sd.) CLARKE,
*Secretary.*

ನಂಬರು ೨೪.

ಮೈಸೂರು ಚೀಫ್‌ಕಮಿಷರ್‌ರವರ ೧೪೬೬—೬೪ನೆ ಇಸವಿ ಹುಕ್ಕುಂ ಡೈರಿ ಬುಕ್ಕಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವದು:—

## ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವ ಶ್ರೀಮ೯ ನಿರಂಜನ ಮುರಿಗಾರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳವರ ಮಠದ ಪಾರುಪತ್ತೇಗಾರು ಬಸವಲಿಂಗೈಯ್ಯ ನವರಿಗೆ ಬರಸಿ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದ ನಿರೂಪ ಅದಾಗಿ.

ನಿಮ್ಮ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳವರು ಶಿಷ್ಯಾರ್ಜನೆ ಹೊರಡುವ ಕಾಲಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಡ್ಡಪಾಲಕಿ ವಗೈರೆ ಬಿರದುಗಳ ಸಮೇತ ಹೊರಡತಕ್ಕ ಪದ್ಧತಿ ಮಾಮೂಲಿನಿಂದ ಯಿದ್ದಾಗ್ಯೂ ಡೆಪ್ಯುಟಿ ಸೂಪರ್‌ಡೆಂಟ್ ಮೆ|| ಕೋಲ್‌ಸಾಹೇಬರವರು ಅಡ್ಡೀಪಡಿಸಿ ಯಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ ಮಾಮೂಲಿನಂತೆ ರಹದಾರಿ ಅಪ್ಪಣೆ ಕೊಡಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ನೀವು ಗುಜರಾಯಿಸಿ ಕೊಂಡ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಜಾಹಿರಾಯಿತು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳು ಮೊದಲಿನಿಂದಲೂ ಈ ಬಿರದುಗಳನ್ನು ವುಪಯೋಗಿಸಿ ಕ್ಕೊಂಡು ಯಿರುವಬಗ್ಯೆ ಹಿಂದಿನ ಸಂನದು ಕಾಗದ ಪತ್ರಗಳೇನಾದರೂ ಯಿದ್ದರೆ ಅಂಥಾವುಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಜರ್ಮಾಡಿದವಕ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಿ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡಲಾದೀತು.

ತಾರೀಖು ೧೯ನೆ ಮಾಹೆ ನವಂಬರು ಸ್ಟ೯೧೪೬೬೭ನೆ ಇಸವಿ ದ|| ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

ಬ|| ಮೊ|| ಆಗಿಧೆ ಕೆ. ಕೆಂಬಲ್‌ಸಾಹೇಬರವರ, ಸೈನ್ಯಾಗಿಧೆ, ಯಂದಿಧೆ.

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ಮೈಸೂರು ಧೊರೆಗಳ ಶೀಮೆಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಭಾರದ ಚೀಫ್ ಕಮಿಷರ್‌ರವರ ೧೪೬೯—೭೦ನೆ ಇಸವಿ ರಹದಾರಿ ಬುಕ್ಕಿನ ಡ್ರೈರಿ:—

ನಂಬರು ೩.

## ಮೈಸೂರು ಶೀಮೆ ಗಡಿಗಳ ಆವಿಾಲ್ ಶಿಲ್ಲೇದಾರ್ ಠಾಣ್ಣಾದಾರ್ ವಗ್ಯೆರೇರಿಗೆ ಬರಸಿ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದ ನಿರೂಪ ಅದಾಗಿ-

ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಶ್ರೀಮ೯ ನಿರಂಜನ ಮುರಿಗಾರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳವರು ಮೈಸೂರು ಶೀಮೆಯೆಲ್ಲಿ ಶಿಷ್ಯಾರ್ಜನೆ ವುದ್ದಿಶ್ಯ ಸಂಚಾರ ಹೊರಡುವದ್ದರಿಂದ ಇವರ ಅಮುವಹಾ ಯಿರತಕ್ಕ ಸಲ್ಲತಂಕ್ಕು ವಿವರಾ:—

೧೫೦ ಅಯ್ಯಗಳು, ೨೦೦ ಕೂದ್ರಜವಾನರು ವಗ್ಯೆರೆ, ೪ ಆನೆ, ೪ ಮಂಟೆ, ೪೦ ಕುದುರೆಗಳು, ೧ ಅಡ್ಡ ಪಾಲಕಿ, ೧ ಸಾದಾಪಾಲಕಿ, ೧ ಮ್ಯಾನ, ೧ ಮಕರತೋರಣ, ೧ ನಂದೀಧ್ವಜ, ೨ಶ್ವೇತಛತ್ರಿ, ೨ ಪಂಚದೀವಟಿಗೆ ೨ ಮೊಹರ್ಚಾಲ್, ೨ ವೆಟೇವಾವಡ, ೨ ಕುದುರೇಮೇಲಿನ ಡಂಕ, ೨ ಕಾವಿನಿಶ್ಯಾನಿ, ೨ ಮಾಯಿಮರಾತಬು, ೨ ಚಂದ್ರವಾದ್ಯ, ೨ ವುಡುಕುವಾದ್ಯ, ೨ ಚಾಮರ, ೨ ಬಿಚ್ಚಿರಂಗು, ೨ ರವುಡು, ೨ ತಲೆಗೆಕಟ್ಟೆ ಬಾರಿಸುವ ಚಂದ್ರವಾದ್ಯ, ೨ ತಲೆಗೆಕಟ್ಟೆ ಬಾರಿಸುವ ಸೂರ್ಯವಾದ್ಯ, ೨ ಹಸುರು ಕೆಂಪು ಹಳದಿ ಹವಾ೯ಗಿರಿ, ೨ ಚಂದ್ರಗಾವಿ ಉಡಾನು, ೨ ಹಗಲುದೀವಟಿಗೆ, ೨ ಜಾಗಟೆ, ೨ ಶಂಖು, ೨ ಕಾವಿಜಾಂಡ, ೨ ವಟಾವಟಿ ಜಾಂಡ, ೫೦ ಬಿಳ್ಳೀ ಕಟಿಗೆ, ೪ ಹಸರು ಕಟಿಗೆ, ೩೦ ಬಾನೂಕುಗಳು, ೪೦ ಹತ್ಯಾರುಗಳು, ೫೦ ಚಕ್ಕಡಾಭಂಡಿ, ೪೦ ಬಿಲ್ಲೇಡವಾಲಿ, ಈ ಮೇರಿಗೆ ಮಾಮೂಲು ಬಿರದುಗಳು ಸಹಿತವಾಗಿ ಹೋಗುವದ್ದರಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಗಡಿಗಳ ಮಾರ್ಗವಾಗಿ ಬಂದಲ್ಲಿ ವುಕ್ಕಡ ಕಣುವೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತಡೆಯೆದೆ ಬಿಟ್ಟುಬಿಡುವದು. ಮತ್ತು ಗುರುಗ ಪರಿವಾರಕ್ಕು ಸಹಾ ಜನಗಳಿಂದ ಸರಬರಾಯಿ ಆದ ಜಿನಸುಗಳಿಗೆ ವಾಜಬಿ ಕ್ರಯ ಕೊಡಿಸಕ್ಕದ್ದಲ್ಲದೆ ಜಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಿಳಿಸಿ ಕಳ್ಳಕಾಕರ ವುಪದ್ರವಿಲ್ಲದಂತೆ ವುಸ್ತುವಾರಿ ಮಾಡಿಸಿ ದರಮಜಲಿನಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಂದ ನಡದುಕ್ಕೊಂಡುಬರುವದು. ಬತಾರೀಖು ೨೦ನೇ ಮಾಹೆ ಕಪ್ಪಂಬರು ಸ್ಟ೯೧೪೬೬೯ನೇ ಇ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

ಹೆಡ್‌ಮುನಷಿ, ಯೆಂದಿಧೆ. (ಸೈನು) ಕಳಾರಕು ಸಾಹೇಬರು, ಯೆಂದಿಧೆ.

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Read:-

Memorial addressed
to H.H the Maharaja, Regd.
No. 1799/744 dated 8th April 1904
from the Agent of the Kudli
Sringeri Matt, claiming
the privilege of the use of
Adda Palake and other
honors by the Swami of the
Matt.

Read also:-

Memorial Regd No 493

dated 27th May 1905 from the Agent of the Muruga Math, claiming the privilege of the use of Adde Palaki and other honours by the Guru of the Math.

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Order thereon :-

5547-58 & 28.5.05

The memorials read above relate to the claim for the use of the special privilege of Adde Palaki put forward by the Kudla

Sringeri matt – a matt
of the Smartha Brahmins
with Head Quarters at
Kudli in the Shimoga Taluk,
and the Muruge matt – a matt
of the Lingayets with Head
Quarters at Chittaldroog.

at as regards the claim of the Kudli Sringeri matt.

The records relating to the claim
of the Kudli matt have been
carefully gone through and
the Dewan heard the Agent
Subba Bhatta on two occasion

giving him
~~and gave~~ a long hearing
on the 29th August 1906.
The Matt is of some importance
being endowed with a cash
grant of Rs 882 and land
inams yielding about Rs 4,700/-
per annum in the Mysore State,
and also inams and Zamindaris
in other parts of India.
It claims to be equal in
rank to the Sri Sringeri Matt
established at Sringeri,
and has in its possession

Samadi and Nirupa some centuries old.

3. In the Samadi and Nirupa produced, the Matt is described as a very ancient and honored one and as entitled to the "highest honors all the Biruduru" and so on but no specific mention is made therein of the "Adda Palaki." It would seem that this Matt did exercise

the privilege of the Adda Palaki
in the earlier part of the
nineteenth century and
previously, but that such
use was again and again
objected to and opposed
by the principal Sringeri
matt at Sringeri. There
is a Samad forthcoming
dated 8th February 1811
under which His Highness
the Maharaja Krishnaraja
Wadeyar Bahadur III directed

the continuance of the special honor of Adder Palaki along with other honors, on behalf of this matt. The matter ~~came~~ went up before the Courts in 1847 on the motion of the Sri Sringeri matt, and although the original Court, viz., the Munsiff's Court of the Nagar Division, gave a decree for the Plaintiff (the Sringeri matt), yet the

Appellate Court, Viz; the Adalat Court, reversed the decision and decreed that the Defendant (Kudi. Sunjeevi Matti) was entitled to the Adda Palaki and all the special honors claimed. This latter decision was upheld by the Commissioner of Tellapore in 1849.

4. Further, the use of the Adda Palaki and other honors appears to have been made

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by the Swamiji on the occasion of his visit to Mysore in 1850-51, when it appears from the records received from the Palace that His Highness the Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadayar Bahadur III received him with due honours.

5. The question again came up before the Dewan of Mysore Sir K. Sheshadri Iyer, K. C. S. I., in 1884, when the Deputy Commissioner of the Shimoga district, upon

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Kudli Sringeri Matt pressed its claim on the strength of the Adalat Courts' decision of 1847. The Rahadaris actually issued to this Matt were then called for and in submitting them, the Dy Commr Mr Meiklejohn, reported that there was nothing in them to show that the Swami had the right to Adda Palaki and that the Swami had, for the previous 20 years, been absent

in British India. Thereupon orders were issued in Govt. Pro: No. 3633/97 dated 25th Sept. 1884 stating that the application of the Kudli-Sringeri Matt Swamii for the use of the Adda Palaki could not be sanctioned, that there was no record forthcoming to show that this privilege was ever enjoyed by the Matt or granted to it by the Mysore Government and that the Dy Comm. should inform the Matt accordingly

The remarks made in the order above mentioned to the effect that no records were forthcoming appear to have been due to the fact that the Maharajas Samaad and Rahadari of 1811 and the Palace records relating to the Swamis visit to Mysore in 1850-57 were not produced before Sir Sheshadri Iyer at the time.

6. The Matt having petitioned

the Hon'ble the Resident on this subject in 1895, the Durbar were asked for a brief statement of the case and the Dewan, Sir K. Sheshadri Iyer, replied to that communication in his letter no. 21944 / A. 7.45-93-94 dated 2nd June 1895, going fully into the question. He stated that the Adda Palaki and the four ⊛ special insignia named in the margin were by immemorial custom specially reserved for the use of Royalty and

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1. Makara Thoranam
2. Panchakalasada Swarna Chatri
3. Dhavala Samka
4. Kaisala Deevatige

and their use by any one
not specially authorized
by the Sovereign was an invasion
of the Royal privilege, that
a special grant for the use
of the said privilege had up
to that time been established
only in favour of the Sri Sringeri
matt at- Sringeri, that H.H.
the Maharaja Krishnaraja
Wadeyar, Bahadur III, in a letter dated
21st December 1863 addressed
to Captain Pearse, Officer
in Charge of the Palace Duties,

had declared that the right
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of the Sri Sringeri Matth,
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and that Mr. L. Bowring
C. S. I., in para 2 of his letter
No. 2396/101 dated 29th July
1868 to the Secretary to the
Govt. of India, Foreign Deptt,
had stated that the Sringeri
Guru "is the only Guru in
the Province who is permitted
to use the Adda Palaki
or cross palanquin."

We went into the previous history of the Sringeri Matt and referred to a partition effected in the 17th Century between the two Swamies of Sringeri and Kudli, and arrived at the Conclusion that the Sringeri matt at Sringeri occupied the position of an overlord of all Branch Matts, such as the Kudli and Sivaganga Matts, which had never been regarded

as entitled to the special honors
enjoyed by the Head Matt
at Sringeri. As regards
the decree of the Adalat Court
of 1847 which was confirmed
by the Commissioner's order
of 1849, Sir Sheshadri Iyer
stated that the decision was
based mainly on oral evidence
as to the Guru of the Matt
having gone to Shimoga, Seringapatam
and Mysore with Adda Palaki.
He further stated that the

Agent of the Matt who was
given an opportunity to
show that effect was given
to the decree by the Govt. issuing
Pahadaries in accordance
with its terms, failed to produce
any Pahadari empowering
the Matt to use the Adda Palaki;
although a period of 35
years had elapsed since
the date of the decree. Having
special regard to the declaration
of H.H. the Maharaja made

in 1863 and to the views of the Chief Commissioner expressed in 1868 referred to above, Sir Sheshadri Iyer was of opinion that as the Matt had not chosen to dispute the correctness of the Durbar's decision of 1884, refusing a Rahadari to the Kudli matt for the use of the Adda Palaki, it was undesirable to permit it to re-open its claim.

7. In reply to the above,

the First Assistant to the Honble the Resident in Mysore stated in his letter No. 2136 dated 18th June 1895, that the right to grant honors was a distinct prerogative of the ruling authority and that therefore the Resident saw no reason to question a decision passed by a former Maharaja of Mysore or to pass any judgment upon its propriety. The Matt was informed accordingly.

a 8. Again, on the 24th
e January 1897, the matt presented
a a Review Petition which was
t heard by Sir Sheshadri Iyer on
, the 10th September 1897, and
the decision was adjourned
pending the production of
certain papers by the petitioner's
Advocate. The documents
however, were not produced
and the further hearing was
not carried out during
Sheshadri Iyer's ~~life-time.~~ time of office

9. On the 8th April 1904,

the matt memorialized H.H. the Maharaja praying for a reconsideration of the case and produced the Sanad of H.H. the Maharaja and the Pahadari of 1811 on the 2nd September 1904.

10. Upon a consideration of the facts and the circumstances of this case, ~~the Dewan is~~ the Govt. of H.H. the Maharaja's ~~Govt~~ are of opinion that the orders passed ~~by H.H.'s Govt~~ in 1884, the reasons for which were fully explained in Sir Sheshadri's

letter of the Residency are correct. The only papers since brought to the notice of Govt. are H.H. the Maharaja's Sanad and Rahadari dated 8th Feby. 1811. These papers were not produced by the Matt either at the time of the litigation in 1847 or before Sir Sheshadri Iyer in 1884, but were put forward only in 1904. There can be no question that the Sanad and Rahadari of 1811 are in favour of the Kudli Sringeri

Matt's contention as also is also
the fact that during the Swamis
visit to Mysore in 1850—57
~~the Swamis~~ he used the Adda Palaki.
But there is the subsequent
declaration made in writing
in unmistakeable terms by the
Maharaja Krishnaraja Wodayar
Bahadur III, the same Maharaja
~~that~~ as named the Sanad of Rahadari
of 1811, in his letter to Captain
Pearse dated 21st December 1863,
to the effect that the Sringeri
Matt ~~is~~ was the only one that

possessed the right to ~~wear~~ HSH
the special insignia of Adda
Palaki, Makara Thorana &c.
His Highness the Maharaja Krishnaraja
Wodayar III who appears to have
been very liberal with the
grant of these honors in the
earlier part of his ~~administration~~ reign,
evidently in later years thought
that they should be restricted
to the one important and
leading matt of Srinagar.
The remark made by Mr.
Bowring in his letter of 29th July 1868

addressed to the Govt. of India Foreign Department, to the effect that the Sri Sringeri Swami "is the only Guru in the Province who is permitted to use the Adda Palaki or cross palanquin", is in consonance with the Maharajas declaration made in 1863 and shows that the highest authorities in Mysore considered that the Guru of the Sringeri matt was the only personage entitled to hold that honor

11. More than all, it has to be considered whether it is desirable or expedient to permit the enjoyment of such a Special honour as the Addl Palaki by more than one person. The honour is one pertaining to Royalty and the grant of such a high distinction to any but a Matt holding the highest rank among the different Matts does not seem to be desirable, ~~The Dewan Mr V.P. Madhava Rao C.I.E.~~

~~therefore considers that~~

~~and it is~~ therefore considered inexpedient to permit

On ~~it~~ therefore Considering the resuscitation of the honor

and privileges which have

ceased to be enjoyed by the Kuds

Sringeri Matt for many year

past i.e, from 1850-51.

12. The grant of

such high honors being a

distinct prerogative of

the ruling authority, His

Highness the Maharaja

~~Spoke concurs with the~~

~~Dewan in his views and has~~

~~no hesitation in ruling~~ is pleased to rule that, notwithstanding any documents or Samads that may be produced by the parties, it is ~~his~~ His Highness' policy and wish that the right to the house of Adda Palaki shall be continued only to the Guru of the Sringeri Matt at Sringeri and cannot be given or continued to either the Kudli-Sringeri or any other matt.

13. ~~It is not~~ It does not seem ~~to be~~ quite necessary to place

such a restriction in regard to the four other special honours referred to in this case, namely, the Makara Thoraṇa, Pancha Kalasaḍa Sveta Chatri, Dhavala Śaṅka and Haṛalu Deevatige. These, although mentioned as special honours pertaining to Royalty, appear to be enjoyed by many persons in the State. In the order of 1884, the claim to Addala Palaki alone has been rejected. But in the explanatory

letter of 1895, addressed to the Hon'ble the Resident, the above mentioned four honors also are stated to be not due to the Kudli sringeri matt. But, for the reason above given, viz, that a good many other matts enjoy these honors, it is the pleasure of H. H. the Maharaja ~~the Dewan considers~~ that these insignia may be continued to the Kudli Sringeri matt. ~~His Highness the Maharaja concurring with the Dewan~~

~~is graciously pleased to allow~~ the use of the other insigni~~a to the Kudi-Siriyan Matt~~

Next, as regards the Muruga Matt :—

14. The Lingayat matt at Chittaldrug called the Muruga Matt also claims the special privilege of Adda Palaki and of using certain other special insignia, the use of which has been discontinued for some years past under the orders of the local authorities

and of the Government.

This is an important matt
of the Lingayet Community
and receives a cash grant
of Rs 24-3-0 per mensem
or ~~very nearly Rs 300 per annum~~)
The Matt relies upon two
Sanads issued by His Highness
the Maharaja Krishnaraja
Wadayar Bahadur III, one
dated the 18th January 1806,
in which it is stated that the
Swamy Matt was entitled
by manual to exercise and

enjoy all the privileges
exercised and enjoyed by the
Sringeri matth, and another
dated 29th September 1816
directing that the Swami
of the Muruga matth should
be permitted to proceed with
Adda Palaki & other honors.
A number of Rahadaries
issued for particular journeys
have also been produced
in all of which Adda Palaki
and other honors are expressly
mentioned. Notwithstanding

the above documents,
the use of these insignia by
the Matt has been constantly
opposed by the Brahmins
and this led to an order
being passed by Captain Cole,
Deputy Superintendent, on
the 11th September 1863, prohibiting
the use of Adda Palaki and
eleven other special insignia
until the Matt established
its claim to those honours
in a Competent Court of Law.
The Matt appealed against

this order of the Chief Commr.th
in 1867, when it was asked
to produce the papers upon
which it relied. It is not
known whether the matt
produced such papers, but
in the year 1869, the Chief
Commissioner issued a Pahadari
to the matt specifying among
other honors, Adda Palak
Makara Thorana, Sweta Chattri,
Pancha Deevatige, Kavi Nishani
and Sanka. In the year 1902.
Complaints were received

that the Swamii of the Muruga
matt went in Adda Palakki
in the streets of Davangere,
notwithstanding the Deputy
Superintendents' order of 1863
and thereupon the Govt. directed
the stoppage of the cash allowance
endowed to the matt. The Swamy
having afterwards tendered
an apology, the Govt. restored
the cash grant to the matt
and directed that the special
honours should not be used
until the claim was finally

settled by the Govt. The matt
has since appealed to Govt.
and produced the documents
upon which it relies. The
documents have been referre
to above

15. There is no question
about the genuineness of the
Sanads of 1876 granted by
His Highness the Maharaja
and of the Pahadaries produced
by the Petitioner. The facts
mentioned in them are
corroborated by entries

in the Books kept in the General Records of the General and Revenue Secretariat, & it is not clear whether such important documents were produced either before Captain Cole in 1863 or before the Chief Commissioner before he issued the Rewards in 1869. Nor is it clear why the matter should have been referred to the Courts for an establishment of its rights, while such important Awards had been granted by it.

Be this as it may, the letter written by H. H. the Maharaja to Captain Pearse under date the 21st December 1863, declaring the Sringeri Swami to be the only person who had the right to use Adda Palaki and Chief Comm.r Mr. Bowring's letter to the same effect addressed to the Govt. of India, dated 29th July 1868, both of which have been referred to in the preceding paragraphs, operate as a bar to the Muruga

matt exercising any right
to Adda Palaki. It is worthy
of note that both Maharaja
Krishnaraja Wodeyar Bahadur
the III rd's emphatic statement
and Mr. Bowring's reiteration
of it were made in connection
with a claim set up by
a Lingayet matt — Viz
that of Balehalli, for the
honor of Adda Palaki.
~~The Dewan therefore considers~~
~~that~~ for the reasons given
above in the Kudli matt
Connection with the Claim of
H.H. the Maharaja is pleased to direct that
(~~case~~), this Special honor of Adda

cannot be continued to the Murugi Math either, and that with the exception of the one special honor of Addapalaki, all insignia specified in the ~~Parikshe~~ Sanad issued by the Chief Commr. on the 20th Sept. 1869, ~~may be allowed to the Mutt~~ may be allowed to the Mutt

1 Makara Torana
2 Swetha Chchatra
3 Dwaja Sankha,
4 Haqnd elevatge
5 Devi Nishani

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His Highness' orders

Secretary to Govt.
Mungri Dept.

To,
the Dy Commr, Shimoga District.
" " Dy Commr, Chitaldrug Dt.
× " Dy Commrs of other Districts
× " Revenue Commr in Mysore
× " Officer in charge of the Palace Estate
× " Registrar Chief Court of Mysore
" " Secretary to Govt., Genl & Rev: Depts
28-5-07
the Agent of the Sri Kudli Sringeri Matt ~~at the Records~~ & Sanad (Regd)
the Agent of the Murugi Matt, ~~at the Sanad & Records~~ (Regd)
the Agent of the Sri Sringeri Matt. ~~(Regd)~~

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No. 5547-58—MUZ. F. 58 OF 1897, DATED BANGALORE, 28TH MAY 1907.

ORDER THEREON.—The memorials read above relate to the claim for the use of the special privilege of Adda Palaki put forward by the Kudli Sringeri Matt—a Matt of the Smarta Brahmins with head-quarters at Kudli in the Shimoga Taluk, and the Murugi Matt—a Matt of the Lingayets with head-quarters at Chitaldrug.

*First as regards the claim of the Kudli Sringeri Matt :—*

2. The records relating to the claim of the Kudli Matt have been carefully gone through, and the Dewan heard the Agent Subba Bhatta on two occasions, giving him a long hearing on the 19th August 1906. The Matt is of some importance, being endowed with a cash grant of Rs. 882 and land inams yielding about Rs. 4,700 per annum in the Mysore State, and also inams and tasdiks in other parts of India. It claims to be equal in rank to the Sri Sringeri Matt established at Sringeri and has in its possession Sannads and Nirups some centuries old.

3. In the Sannads and Nirups produced, the Matt is described as a very ancient and honoured one and as entitled to the "highest honors," "all the Birudus" and so on, but no specific mention is made therein of the "Adda Palaki." It would seem that this Matt did exercise the privilege of the Adda Palaki in the earlier part of the 19th century and previously, but that such use was again and again objected to and opposed by the principal Sringeri Matt at Sringeri. There is a Sannad forthcoming, dated 8th February 1811, under which His Highness the Maharaja Krishna Raja Wadeyar Bahadur III directed the continuance of the special honor of Adda Palaki along with other honors, on behalf of this Matt. The matter went before the Courts in 1847 on the motion of the Sri Sringeri Matt, and although one original Court, *viz.*, the Munsiff's Court of the Nagar Division, gave a decree for the plaintiff (the Sringeri Matt), yet the Appellate Court, *viz.*, the Adalat Court, reversed the decision and decreed that the defendant (Kudli Sringeri Matt) was entitled to the Adda Palaki and all the special honors claimed. This latter decision was upheld by the Commissioner of Mysore in 1849.

4. Further, the Swami appears to have used Adda Palaki and other honors on the occasion of his visit to Mysore in 1850-51, when it appears from the records received from the Palace that His Highness the Maharaja Krishna Raja Wadeyar Bahadur III received him with due honors.

5. The question again came up before the Dewan of Mysore, Sir K. Sheshadri Iyer, K.C.S.I., in 1884, when the Deputy Commissioner of the Shimoga District, upon an application from the Kudli Sringeri Matt for the issue of a Rahadari with Adda Palaki and other honors inserted therein to enable the Swami to proceed to Kolhapur, enquired whether such a permission could be given, considering that the Sringeri Matt objected on the ground that the last-named Matt alone was entitled to Adda Palaki, while the Kudli Sringeri Matt pressed its claim on the strength of the Adalat Court decision of 1847. The Rahadaris actually issued to this Matt were then called for and, in submitting them, the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Meiklejohn, reported that there was nothing in them to show that the Swami had the right to Adda Palaki, and that the Swami had, for the previous twenty years, been absent in British India. Thereupon orders were issued in Government Proceedings No. 3[illegible]97, dated 15th September 1884, stating that the application of the Kudli Matt Swami for the use of the Adda Palaki could not be sanctioned, that there was no record forthcoming to show that this privilege was ever enjoyed by the Matt or granted to it by the Mysore Government, and that the Deputy Commissioner should inform the Matt accordingly. The remarks made in the order above

mentioned, to the effect that no records were forthcoming, appear to have been due to the fact that the Maharaja's Sannad and Rahadari of 1811, and the Palace records relating to the Swami's visit to Mysore in 1850-51 were not produced before Sir Sheshadri Iyer at the time.

6. The Matt having petitioned the Hon'ble the Resident on this subject in 1895, the Durbar were asked for a brief statement of the case and the Dewan, Sir K. Sheshadri Iyer, replied to that communication in his letter No. 21944—G. F. 45-93-94, dated 2nd June 1895, going fully into the question. He stated that the Adda Palaki and the four special insignia named in the margin were, by immemorial custom, specially reserved for the use of Royalty, and their use by any one not specially authorized by the Sovereign, was an invasion of the Royal privilege, that a special grant for the use of the said privilege had, up to that time, been established only in favor of the Sri Sringeri Matt at Sringeri, that His Highness the Maharaja Krishna Raja Wadeyar Bahadur III, in a letter dated 21st December 1863 addressed to Captain Pearse, Officer in charge of the Palace duties, had declared that the right to use these insignia was vested only in the Guru of the Sri Sringeri Matt, and that Mr. L. Bowring, C.S.I., in para 2 of his letter No. 2396—101, dated 29th July 1868, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, had stated that the Sringeri Guru "is the only Guru in the Province who is permitted to use the Adda Palaki or cross-palanquin." He went into the previous history of the Sri Sringeri Matt and referred to a partition effected in the 17th century between the two Swamis of Sringeri and Kudli, and arrived at the conclusion that the Sringeri Matt at Sringeri occupied the position of an overlord of all Branch Matts, such as the Kudli and Sivaganga Matts, which had never been regarded as entitled to the special honors enjoyed by the Head Matt at Sringeri. As regards the decree of the Adalat Court of 1847, which was confirmed by the Commissioner's Order of 1849, Sir Sheshadri Iyer stated that the decision was based mainly on oral evidence as to the Guru of the Matt having gone to Shimoga, Seringapatam and Mysore with Adda Palaki. He further stated that the Agent of the Matt who was given an opportunity to show that effect was given to the decree by the Government issuing Rahadaris in accordance with its terms, failed to produce any Rahadari empowering the Matt to use the Adda Palaki, although a period of thirty-five years had elapsed since the date of the decree. Having special regard to the declaration of His Highness the Maharaja made in 1863 and to the views of the Chief Commissioner expressed in 1868, referred to above, Sir Sheshadri Iyer was of opinion that as the Matt had not chosen to dispute the correctness of the Durbar's decision of 1884, refusing a Rahadari to the Kudli Matt for the use of the Adda Palaki, it was undesirable to permit it to reopen its claim.

Makara Thorana.
Panchakalasada Sweta Chatri.
Dhawala Sankha.
Hagalu Deevatige.

7. In reply to the above, the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore stated in his letter No. 2136, dated 13th June 1895, that the right to grant honors was a distinct prerogative of the ruling authority, and that therefore the Resident saw no reason to question a decision passed by a former Maharaja of Mysore or to pass any judgment upon its propriety. The Matt was informed accordingly.

8. Again, on the 14th January 1897, the Matt presented a review petition, which was heard by Sir Sheshadri Iyer on the 10th September 1897, and the decision was adjourned pending the production of certain papers by the petitioner's advocate. The documents, however, were not produced, and the further hearing was not carried out during Sir Sheshadri Iyer's term of office.

9. On the 8th April 1904, the Matt memorialised His Highness the Maharaja praying for a reconsideration of the case and produced the Sannad and the Rahadari of 1811 on the 2nd September 1904.

10. Upon a consideration of the facts and the circumstances of this case, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are of opinion that the orders passed in 1884, the reasons for which were fully explained in Sir Sheshadri Iyer's letter to the Residency, are correct. The only papers since brought to the notice of Government are His Highness the Maharaja's Sannad and Rahadari dated 8th February 1811.

*Muzrai, dated 28th May 1907.*

These papers were not produced by the Matt either at the time of the litigation in 1847 or before Sir Sheshadri Iyer in 1884, but were put forward only in 1904. There can be no question that the Sannad and Rahadari of 1811 are in favor of the Kudli Sringeri Matt's contention, as is also the fact that during the Swami's visit to Mysore in 1850-51 he used the Adda Palaki, but there is the subsequent declaration made in writing in unmistakeable terms by Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadeyar Bahadur III, the same Maharaja that issued the sannad and Rahadari of 1811, in his letter to Captain Pearse, dated 21st December 1863, to the effect that the Sringeri Matt was the only one that possessed the right to use the special insignia of Adda Palaki, Makara Thorana, etc. His Highness the Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadeyar III, who appears to have been very liberal with the grant of these honors in the earlier part of his reign, had evidently in later years thought that they should be restricted to the one important and leading Matt of Sringeri. The remark made by Mr. Bowring in his letter dated 29th July 1868 addressed to the Government of India, Foreign Department, to the effect that the Sri Sringeri Swami "is the only Guru in the Province who is permitted to use the Adda Palaki or cross-palanquin," is in consonance with the Maharaja's declaration made in 1863 and shows that the highest authorities in Mysore considered that the Guru of the Sringeri Matt was the only personage entitled to hold that honor.

11. More than all, it has to be considered whether it is desirable or expedient to permit the enjoyment of such a special honor as the Adda Palaki by more than one person. The honor is one pertaining to Royalty, and the grant of such a high distinction to any but a Matt holding the highest rank among the different Matts does not seem to be desirable. The Government therefore consider it inexpedient to permit the resuscitation of the honors and privileges which have ceased to be enjoyed by the Kudli Sringeri Matt for many years past, *i.e.*, from 1850-51.

12. The grant of such high honors being a distinct prerogative of the ruling authority, His Highness the Maharaja is pleased to rule that, notwithstanding any documents or sannads that may be produced by the parties, it is His Highness' policy and wish that the right to the honor of Adda Palaki shall be continued only to the Guru of the Sringeri Matt at Sringeri, and cannot be given or continued to either the Kudli Sringeri or any other Matt.

13. It does not seem to be quite necessary to place such a restriction in regard to the four other special honors referred to in this case, namely, the Makara Thorana, Pancha Kalasada Swetachatri, Dhawala Sankha and Hagalu Deevatige. These, although mentioned as special honors pertaining to Royalty, appear to be enjoyed by many Matts in the State. In the order of 1884, the claim to Adda Palaki alone was rejected, but in the explanatory letter of 1895, addressed to the Hon'ble the Resident, the above-mentioned four honors also are stated to be not due to the Kudli Sringeri Matt. But, for the reason above given, *viz.*, that a good many other Matts enjoy these honors, it is the pleasure of His Highness the Maharaja that these insignia may be continued to the Kudli Sringeri Matt.

*Next, as regards the Murugi Matt*:—

14. The Lingayet Matt at Chitaldrug called the Murugi Matt also claims the special privilege of Adda Palaki and of using certain other special insignia, the use of which has been discontinued for some years past under the orders of the local authorities and of the Government. This is an important Matt of the Lingayet community and receives a cash grant of Rs. 24-3-0 per mensem. The Matt relies upon two Sannads issued by His Highness the Maharaja Krishna Raja Wadeyar Bahadur III, one dated the 13th January 1816, in which it is stated that the Murugi Matt was entitled by mamul to exercise and enjoy all the privileges exercised and enjoyed by the Sringeri Matt, and another dated 29th September 1816 directing that the Swami of the Murugi Matt should be permitted to proceed with Adda Palaki and other honors. A number of Rahadaris issued for particular journeys have also been produced, in all of which Adda Palaki and other honors are expressly mentioned. Notwithstanding the above documents, the use of these insignia by the Matt has been constantly opposed by the Brahmins, and this led to an order being passed by Captain Cole, Deputy Superintendent, on the 11th September 1863, prohibiting the use of Adda Palaki and eleven other special insignia, until the Matt established its

claim to those honors in a competent Court of Law. The Matt appealed against this order to the Chief Commissioner in 1867, when it was asked to produce the papers upon which it relied. It is not known whether the Matt produced such papers, but in the year 1869, the Chief Commissioner issued a Rahadari to the Matt specifying among other honors, Adda Palaki, Makara Thorana, Swetachatri, Pancha Deevatige, Kavi Nishani and Sankha. In the year 1902 complaints were received that the Swami of the Murugi Matt went in Adda Palaki in the streets of Davangere notwithstanding the Deputy Superintendent's Order of 1863, and thereupon the Government directed the stoppage of the cash allowance endowed to the Matt. The Swami having afterwards tendered an apology, the Government restored the cash grant to the Matt and directed that the special honors should not be used until the claim was finally settled by the Government. The Matt has since appealed to Government and produced the documents upon which it relies. These documents have been referred to above.

15. There is no question about the genuineness of the Sannads of 1816 granted by His Highness the Maharaja and of the Rahadaris produced by the petitioner. The facts mentioned in them are corroborated by entries in the books kept in the General Records of the General and Revenue Secretariat, but it is not clear whether such important documents were produced either before Captain Cole in 1863 or before the Chief Commissioner before he issued the Rahadari in 1869. Nor is it clear why the Matt should have been referred to the Courts for an establishment of its rights, while such important Sannads had been granted to it. Be this as it may, the letter written by His Highness the Maharaja to Captain Pearse under date the 21st December 1863, declaring the Sringeri Swami to be the only person who had the right to use Adda Palaki, and Chief Commissioner Mr. Bowring's letter to the same effect, addressed to the Government of India, dated 29th July 1868, both of which have been referred to in the preceding paragraphs, operate as a bar to the Murugi Matt exercising any right to Adda Palaki. It is worthy of note that both Maharaja Krishna Raja Wadeyar Bahadur the Third's emphatic statement and Mr. Bowring's reiteration of it were made in connection with a claim set up by a Lingayet Matt, *viz.*, that of Balehalli, for the honor of Adda Palaki. For the reasons given above in connection with the claim of the Kudli Matt, His Highness the Maharaja is pleased to direct that this special honor of Adda Palaki cannot be continued to the Murugi Matt either, and that with the exception of the one special honor of Adda Palaki all insignia specified in the Rahadari issued by the Chief Commissioner on the 20th September 1869, may be allowed to the Matt.

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